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## PM expected to announce talks on final status to begin May 4

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat will meet in the coming days and are expected to announce that talks on the final disposition of the territories will begin as scheduled on May 4, a senior official in Jerusalem indicated last night.

The senior official and PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said yesterday that final status talks would begin on time, marking the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks halted after the wave of suicide bus bombings in February and March.

According to the Oslo accords, final status talks are to begin on May 4 and conclude in May, 1999. In advance of the elections, Peres sought to deflect anxieties about the final status deal by saying earlier this month that the proposed agreement would be brought to a national referendum.

A Peres-Arafat meeting will also be the first since the bombings, and be influenced by several factors, officials say. First, Arafat has acted against Hamas militants. Second, the Palestine National Council is expected to meet next week to nullify sections of the PLO Charter calling for the destruction of Israel.

Other sources suggest that Israel wants to demonstrate it is at least keeping to procedural aspects on the Palestinian track in order to mollify the Arab world, upset about Israel's operation in Lebanon.

Furthermore, Israel would like a Sharm e-Sheikh follow-up anti-terror conference planned for next week in Luxembourg to remain on track, bringing together Israeli and Arab foreign ministers.

So far, officials say the conference has not yet been postponed.

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## US proposal calls for end to Hizbullah attacks on IDF

DAVID MAKOVSKY  
and news agencies

our forces." Citing "diplomats in Lebanon" Reuters said that the US has presented a six-point program to end the fighting. The report seems to corroborate remarks of the senior Foreign Ministry official.

According to the plan, if Lebanon succeeds in halting such attacks for a nine-month period, Israel would "discuss" a pullout from southern Lebanon, but would apparently not be obligated to do so.

As a symbolic gesture, Israel would also revive stalled peace talks with Damascus and Beirut.

Syria would guarantee the deal and, apparently by use of electronic means, be able to monitor its implementation.

According to Reuters, the six-point US plan is as follows:

1. Lebanon guarantees the security of residents of settlements in northern Israel.

2. Katyusha rocket attacks on northern Israel stop.

3. Guerrilla attacks against IDF soldiers inside the security zone are halted in return for an Israeli declaration that it has no demands in Lebanon and expressing its willingness to discuss the pullout of its forces if the Lebanese army succeeds in providing security in south Lebanon for nine months.

4. Syria guarantees this agreement and sets up a mechanism to implement it.

5. Israel demands the dismantling of Hizbullah and maintains its right to attack the group if it resumes its terrorist activities.

6. Israel takes steps to revive peace negotiations on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks.

US mediation continued in

different capitals in the Middle East yesterday. In Damascus, while hosting visiting de Charrette, Shara said, "we hope French and international efforts would lead to a cease-fire and a return to the July [1993] understandings. We are exerting all possible efforts to achieve this." Also visiting Damascus for separate talks with Syrian officials was Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Kazem.

US Ambassador to Lebanon Richard Jones also called for a reaffirmation of the 1993 understandings, which call for fighting to be contained to the security zone.

In his remarks to reporters yesterday after meeting with Peres, Kabiriti said Jordanians are "shocked and angry" over Israel's air and artillery attacks. Kabiriti, who brought a message from King Hussein against the IDF attack, also met President Ezer Weizman before returning to Amman.

"There is a sense of alarm in Jordan and within the Jordanian public," Kabiriti said, adding, "the situation is really dangerous and explosive and it could escalate."

While Amman did not ask to mediate and is leaving this to the US, Israeli officials voiced understanding that Kabiriti needed to make a public statement in Israel in light of negative Jordanian opinion regarding the violence in Lebanon.

In Amman, members of the Muslim Brotherhood protested against Israel's attacks. A day earlier, King Hussein said the operation in Lebanon hurt the peace process and the foreign affairs panel of the Jordanian parliament condemned the attacks. Hillel Kautler contributed to this report.



Jacob Stroumze, 82, plays a violin solo under the gates of Auschwitz as the March of the Living begins yesterday. Stroumze was a member of the camp orchestra set up by the Nazis. Story, Page 12. (Reuters)

## IDF strikes in Lebanon continue, Katyushas keep falling

THE toll in Lebanon rose to around 45 dead and more than 100 wounded as Operation Grapes of Wrath continued unabated yesterday, with IDF gunners and the air force blasting terrorist targets.

Hizbullah responded with Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galiilee in which two people were lightly wounded and several others had to be treated for shock. (Story, Page 2)

Hizbullah has so far acknowledged killing only one of its fighters and several wounded. However, lately it has been trying to keep its casualties secret and many more of its fighters are believed to have been hit in the fierce exchanges.

IDF gunners continued to pound Hizbullah targets north of the security zone - especially the sites from where Katyushas were launched - with a barrage of artillery, tank, and heavy mortar fire.

The IAF flew dozens of missions against Hizbullah and Palestinian terrorist targets throughout yesterday, from south Lebanon and the Ein el-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp to the southern suburbs of Beirut and the Bekaa Valley.

Deputy chief of staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i yesterday said that the "sixth day of Operation Grapes of Wrath was far from being the last."

Vilna'i, speaking to reporters in Tel Aviv, stressed that the means employed by the IDF until now were only a small display of the army's capability.

More than 10,000 shells have already been fired in the operation, Vilna'i said.

Vilna'i also said Hizbullah would like to see more exact Katyusha landings but is being limited by the IDF activities.

Early yesterday morning, IAF

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helicopter warships struck at the home of Col. Monir Makdah, a Fatah renegade who heads the Black September Palestinian terrorist organization, which is responsible for several attacks against IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the zone.

Reports from Lebanon said Makdah's baby son and two of his bodyguards were wounded in the attack, but he was not at home at the time.

In the afternoon, helicopter gunships struck at a Hizbullah command center in the southern suburbs of West Beirut, scoring direct hits on the target.

The helicopters came under heavy ground fire. They returned fire, destroying an anti-aircraft battery.

Also in the afternoon, IAF warplanes attacked another Hizbullah

command base in the western region of the Bekaa Valley. The pilots reported direct hits and, reportedly, one person was killed and another wounded in the attack. The IAF aircraft all returned safely to their bases.

Reports from Lebanon said three people were killed and 10 wounded when helicopter gunships hit a house in Jamanyeh village, north of Tbnit, in south Lebanon around midday.

There were also reports of air strikes near the home of Lebanese parliament speaker Nabih Berrri, who also heads the Amal Shi'ite movement. He was not at his home, located in a village near Tyre, at the time and no casualties were reported.

Reports from Lebanon also said that two Lebanese Army soldiers were killed on Monday while driving in a civilian car in the Wadi Jilu area, east of Tyre.

The reports said their car was hit by helicopter fire and that they ran to take cover in a nearby house, which was struck later by rockets and destroyed. UNIFIL troops helped search for the missing soldiers, whose bodies were recovered from the rubble of the house yesterday morning.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said soldiers from the Irish battalion of the peacekeeping force had helped in rescue operations, which had to be stopped for several hours because of heavy shelling in the area.

He said UNIFIL had protested to the IDF about the shelling and when it stopped they continued the task of removing the dead and wounded from the building.

Goksel also said thousands of Lebanese refugees are continuing to take shelter in or near UN positions in south Lebanon.

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## 'IDF won't permit Peres to prevent its goals in Lebanon'

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN  
TEL NACHES, SOUTH LEBANON

"THE IDF will not permit Prime Minister Shimon Peres to prevent it from completing its goals in Lebanon," the IDF's top officer in Lebanon said yesterday.

Brig.-Gen. Giora Inbar, the liaison officer with the South Lebanese Army, told reporters that an agreement to end Operation Grapes of Wrath would not be made before all of the operation's military goals are reached, and the politicians understand this.

"The goals of the operation are progressing step by step in accordance with the plan and the mandate given by the political level," he said. "We won't allow a situation in which Peres holds us back [when] we haven't yet finished the job."

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak last night called Inbar's statement

"stupid and unnecessary."

Inbar had said that "any agreement which will allow the Hizbullah to act against the security zone freely, but restricts the response of our forces and the SLA forces in the security zone against areas where Hizbullah is operating is likely to bring about a hasty deterioration to the same situation which existed before. I believe, and know, that this understanding is held by all those discussing the way this operation is being run."

SLA Commander Gen. Antoine Lahad and other residents of the security zone strongly agree with this position, Inbar said, adding that Peres also is fully aware of this.

"[Peres] understands this problem very well and the instructions (Continued on Page 9)

## Swiss banks agree to commission on Holocaust claims

NEW YORK (Reuters) - In a dramatic reversal, Swiss bankers have agreed to set up an independent commission with Jewish participation to determine what assets still held in their banks belong to Holocaust victims.

Swiss Bankers Association Secretary General Jean Paul Chapuis said in a letter to the World Jewish Congress that the commission "will be authorized to retain an independent accounting firm and other experts as necessary to assist it" in preparing a final report.

Chapuis added that the Swiss Bankers Association was "deeply concerned that this important issue be approached and concluded in a sensitive, equitable, open, accurate and professional manner."

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## Holocaust survivors paying the price for reduction in government support

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

AFTER surviving the Auschwitz, Dachau, and Birkenau concentration camps, Danny Hanoch never imagined that Israel would throw salt on his wounds. But the government's decision to reduce part of its allocation for welfare services to survivors from NIS 4 million to NIS 1.5m. has done just that.

"I feel cheated and humiliated," said Hanoch, 63, who receives psychosocial support services from the Amcha survivors' organization, one of the organizations that will have to reduce its services as a result of the cuts. "Israel is just waiting for us to die."

On Monday, the day before Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day, the government announced the 60% cut in funds it gives to Amcha, Amuta, and other groups which provide health and support services for survivors.

Rafi Pinto, director of the Finance Ministry's Office for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled, said the reduced allocation will not hurt

the services' beneficiaries because a recent law increased compensation for people disabled as a result of the Holocaust.

Pinto could not pinpoint the actual increase, but said some NIS 60m. to NIS 100m. were allocated six months ago in order to put compensation for disabled Holocaust victims on a par with compensation provided to soldiers disabled in battle. As a result of the change, Pinto said, 6,000 people are now receiving an additional NIS 1,000 per month and another 14,000 people are receiving compensation in the form of tax breaks.

Social service providers said that while redistributing money may help some people, those Holocaust survivors who are healthy but in need of assistance will suffer from the cuts service agencies will now have to make.

"It is ludicrous to say one [form of compensation] comes at the expense of another," said John Lem. (Continued on Page 9)

## Cancer research center ripped for making tobacco magnate fundraising dinner chairman

JUDY SIEGEL

PROMINENT Israeli and US anti-smoking activists denounced a leading cancer research center in Jerusalem yesterday for appointing the owner of a major American tobacco company chairman of its upcoming fundraising dinner in New York next month.

The dinner, to benefit the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, will be chaired on May 4 by Laurence Tisch, the billionaire who controls the Loew's Corporation, which owns the Lorillard Tobacco Company. The firm, which makes Salem, Newport and other cigarette brands, controls over 8 percent of the US tobacco market and exports its products around the world.

The event will honor a leading supporter of American and Israeli causes, Josh Weston, and be preceded by a scientific conference on "Tumor Dormancy: Ways to Keep Malignancies in Check."

Prof. Richard Daynard, professor of law at Northeastern University in Boston and president of Stop Teenage Addiction to Tobacco, told *The Jerusalem Post* that it was "shocking that a man who has for so many years been responsible for selling and promoting the most cancer-causing product in the world is being honored by a cancer-research institution."

Daynard said it might be all right for tobacco companies to donate money to the anti-cancer cause, "although they certainly shouldn't be honored for giving back a small amount of the fortune they made at the expense of public health."

Daynard noted that the Jerusalem center was founded by New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg, who has been instrumental in the passage of anti-tobacco legislation, including bans on smoking on airline flights. No comment was available from Lautenberg's office yesterday.

Prof. Eitan Yefe-Nof, acting director of the Lautenberg Center, said: (Continued on Page 3)

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# Rockets continue to rain on North

TWO people were lightly wounded and at least three others were treated for shock yesterday in ongoing Hizbullah Katyusha rocket attacks against the Galilee, from the coast to the panhandle region.

Extensive damage was caused to two homes and other property by rockets exploding in the vicinity. In one of the incidents, in the panhandle area, serious casualties were avoided only because residents had left for safer regions.

One of the rockets scored a direct hit on the roof of an apartment block causing extensive damage inside to several of the flats. A young man who was in the stairwell escaped unhurt.

In the same salvo, another rocket fell near a house, blowing out doors and windows of the balcony where the owner had been sitting a few minutes earlier.

A Katyusha landed in Kiryat Shmona yesterday not far from the car in which Chief Sephardi Rabbi Elijah Bakshi-Doron was traveling. Bakshi-Doron toured northern confrontation line areas and met with residents.

In one of the incidents in the Western

Galilee, a rocket exploded between houses. Two teenage girls who were inside one of the buildings at the time were hurt, one lightly from shrapnel wounds and the other from shock.

They were taken to Nahariya Government Hospital by a neighbor who witnessed the attack and later heard their cries for help.

Two other people in the same area had to be treated for shock as a result of the blast.

Yehudit, a resident of the area, witnessed the rocket falling nearby. "I had just intended to go and visit my grandparents who live in a house close to where the rocket exploded. I suddenly heard an ear-splitting noise and ducked down," she said.

"When the noise died down I went closer to my grandparents' house and saw they were in shock and that all glass in the house had been blown out.

"Army personnel and the emergency and rescue services, including police and officials from the municipality came right

DAVID RUDGE

away and started to deal with everything," she said, adding that her grandparents were treated at the scene and then transferred to Kibbutz Beit Oren's guest house to help them recover from their ordeal.

Power supplies in the area were temporarily affected by the blast, but after a short while electricity was restored.

As the attacks on the Western Galilee continued, more and more residents decided to leave the region for safer areas as offers to host them poured in from all over the country.

The offers of help are being centralized via the Prime Minister's Office and relayed to the local authorities. Transportation is being organized to take youngsters and in some cases whole families to temporary homes.

Special emergency services have been organized by local authorities throughout the region for those residents remaining in the security rooms of their homes or public bomb shelters.

Mobile grocery stores, including those

from the IDF, are helping to deliver essential supplies to those remaining in the shelters in Kiryat Shmona and other towns and villages.

Mobile banks are also providing limited, but still necessary services, while doctors, paramedics and pharmacists are treating patients and ensuring supplies to those that require regular medication.

Police, meanwhile, are maintaining a visible presence, including patrols, to prevent looting or break-ins of homes whose occupants have left for safer areas.

In Kiryat Shmona, police reported there had been only three break-ins since the beginning of Operation Grapes of Wrath, which was far less than the usual weekly crime rate in the town.

As the seventh day of the operation loomed, a pattern of events has developed that is very reminiscent of Operation Accountability three years ago.

The main difference, however, is that many more people have taken advantage of organized temporary shelter in other parts of the country and fewer are staying behind in the bomb shelters.

## 'Suddenly there was an explosion'

DAVID RUDGE

"I WAS at home with my friend Salit and I went to get something [from inside the house] and suddenly there was an explosion," said Anat Gabai, as she lay on a stretcher in Nahariya Hospital yesterday.

"The explosion was like somebody doing a magic trick, or setting off fireworks. There was a flash of light and lots of smoke," she said.

"Then Salit ran to me and started to shout. We ran outside in shock and shouted for help and we looked for an ambulance or something to help us and then somebody [a local resident] took us in his car and brought us to the hospital," she said.

Anat, 16, was hit in the hip, the back and the shoulder from shrapnel, but her wounds were described as very light and she is expected to be released very soon.

Asked if she intended to return home in light of the ongoing rocket attacks, Anat said: "The doctors have told me I have to be kept here for observation. If the situation cools down, however, I don't think I will stay [at home]."

Her friend Salit Ategi was also treated in the hospital for shock. "I saw a light like a flash and fragments everywhere and we both ran outside. It was very scary," said Salit, 17, her voice still shaking from the shock.

## Soldiers at front commemorate Holocaust

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

WHEN the sirens went off to commemorate the Holocaust yesterday, Lt Itai did not stand at attention. Instead, he huddled in a small, armored chamber monitoring the entire northern border and watching for Katyusha rocket launches to come up on his screen.

Outside, a small squad of soldiers, black berets on their heads, stood at attention on the windswept mountain-top position. The silence was broken by the hum of a generator and the sonic booms of IAF jets swooping into Lebanon.

"Fifty years after the Holocaust we still have to fight against all sorts of elements who have chosen to murder Jews in the State of Israel," said Cpl. Shimon, 19, whose grandfather is a Holocaust survivor.

"The difference between us 50 years ago and now is that today we have a state and can defend it with all sorts of weapons, like this radar system," he said, pointing to

the large, square antenna. The US-made high technology tracking system is able to detect from where Katyushas are launched, and quickly relays the data to IDF cannons which fire back at Hizbullah targets in southern Lebanon.

"When I see Katyushas being fired it really hurts me because I know there are civilians who are likely to be hurt and property and homes which may be damaged. I want to destroy these targets so I work harder. I try to pass on their location to the batteries so they can eliminate them," said position commander Lt Tzahi.

The soldiers spend 12-hour shifts manning the green-screened monitors. Itai ran his fingers across the computer keyboard, punching in data and keeping a bleary-eyed watch for blips signifying a launch.

"What is fun here is to find the exit of Katyushas and hear on the

radio that we took them out with artillery shells dropped on their heads and bombs dropped by jets on the site where they fired from. That is what we get excited about," Itai said.

Cpl. Shimon, who immigrated from Gomel, Russia five years ago, is from Nahariya, but said he would be just as determined if he lived elsewhere, out of the range of the Katyushas.

"It doesn't matter where I'm from. It's personal. They are shooting at our civilians. They are shooting at our country," the corporal said.

"Today is a sad day for all Jews in the world. We talk about it with the soldiers. They know the history of our people and of the Holocaust.

"Especially on a day like today which is difficult for the State of Israel the soldiers work with every ounce of energy they have because they know of the significance of the state to the Jews," Tzahi said.



Soldiers manning an artillery post along the northern border stand at attention during yesterday's two-minute siren to commemorate Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day.

## SLA enjoying open season on Hizbullah

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

TEL NACHES, South Lebanon

SOLDIERS in the South Lebanon Army are walking a little taller these days. The Israeli-trained and financed militia has been a favorite target of the Hizbullah gunmen. Now, its soldiers said, they are happy to see Hizbullah getting a pounding.

"We had lots of pressure on us and we couldn't return fire against Hizbullah, which was firing from crowded villages. Now it's open and cleared of civilians and we can shoot back freely," said brigade commander Maj. Ali Mansur Badawi.

"We feel good that the IDF and the SLA are finally making this move. I hope that in the end we have peace and quiet along the whole front. If we stop half way, like in 1993, then it will be as if

we haven't done a thing," said Badawi, a 13-year SLA veteran. The entrance to the brigade headquarters in the security zone is lined with cement blocks. Troops are on high alert against suicide bombers and a militiaman carefully checks all vehicles approaching the gate.

From the sand-bagged gun position on the headquarters' roof one can see the Beaufort castle and the half-dozen IDF and SLA positions spread out along the spring-green ridge behind.

Brig-Gen. Giora Inbar, the IDF's liaison officer with the SLA, said the SLA's 3,300-man force had suffered from desertions and low morale. But Israel has been supplying top-of-the-line equipment to the militia and, since the onslaught against Hizbullah, morale has improved, he said.

"They are very satisfied. The

morale is very high. The faith in the process and the backing they are getting has helped greatly," Inbar said.

Inside the fortress, the clatter of dice mixed with the laughter of a group of militiamen as they played backgammon. Others sat on plush, velvet couches and watched an old movie on a black-and-white television. A bottle of J&B whiskey rested on a table.

"We are satisfied with the Israeli action. We have waited for it for a long time," said a heavy-set battalion commander. "But we hope it doesn't end with us vulnerable to further Hizbullah attacks. We have to go at them, and go at them all the way."

Like most SLA soldiers, he did not want to give his name out of fear of retaliation.

Labeled collaborators by their fellow countrymen, SLA soldiers are considered renegades by the government in Beirut and traitors by Hizbullah. The SLA is led by Gen. Antoine Lahad, a 66-year-old former Lebanese Army general who is a Maronite Christian. He is facing a death sentence since authorities in Beirut accused him of collaborating with Israel.

Israel has bolstered the SLA with the IDF's surplus weapons, such as 155 mm. cannons and 160 mm. mortars. The IDF has also supplied them with renovated Soviet-made T-55 tanks mounted with sophisticated 100 mm. cannons. Still, the SLA lost 38 men in attacks last year and another 95 were wounded.

Inbar denied that the SLA was

being used as cannon fodder in this war against Hizbullah.

"We have no intention of risking SLA soldiers on any long-range missions or intelligence gathering operations which will cause casualties; that is not the intention," Inbar said, adding that the SLA's main role of Operation Grapes of Wrath is to shell Hizbullah targets with the artillery Israel gave it.

One of the biggest fears among Lahad's troops is that they will be abandoned by Israel in the event of a peace deal with Syria and Lebanon, and that the IDF will withdraw, leaving them open to retaliation by other Lebanese. In normal times, when any of the 200,000 residents of the security zone head north they risk harassment at Lebanese Army checkpoints. Some are detained and others jailed.

Yet they dream of the day when they will be able to travel out of the narrow security zone. A veteran soldier reminisced about the good old days - before the civil war broke out in 1976 - when he used to travel two hours to the north to Beirut to catch the latest film from Paris or simply to walk around the big city.

"I want to take my kids to an amusement park. I could come to Israel, but I can't afford it," he said. Israel pays the salaries of the SLA; regular soldiers get about \$400 a month, which is good money in Lebanon. But Hizbullah is offering its fighters \$700 and many Shi'ites prefer its ideology. It is not unusual to find one brother in the SLA, another in the Lebanese Army, and their cousin in Hizbullah in the mosaic of Lebanon.

## PNC to hold week-long deliberation on charter

JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestine National Council, scheduled to convene next Monday, will sit all week before the crucial vote is taken on changing the anti-Israel charter. Palestinian officials said yesterday.

PLO factions are to start a dialogue in Gaza today in meetings with the Palestinian Authority ahead of the PNC meeting, said Nabil Abu Rudeineh, adviser to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Abu Rudeineh said 70 PNC members have yet to receive Israeli permission to enter Gaza. Israel has said it will not bar any of them.

Yesterday, it was announced that Abu Daoud, suspected of being one of the organizers of the massacre of 11 Israeli sportsmen at the 1972 Munich Olympics, will arrive. Most of the organizers of the massacre were hunted down and killed. Abu Daoud denies he was involved. Some members of the opposition Popular and Democratic Fronts for the Liberation of Palestine are expected to come from Amman to participate.

The PFLP is to hold an open convention today to debate its position. It is split between those who want to cooperate more with the PA and those, like its Damascus-based leader George Habash, who want to continue to boycott it.

Arafat returned yesterday from

end to "the river of blood" in Lebanon.

Ein Hilweh, north of Sidon, is the largest Palestinian camp in Lebanon and reports from there said the attack was aimed at Muir Makdhal, a Fatah rebel who opposes the peace process, and is suspected of collaborating with Hizbullah. Makdhal's son was reportedly wounded in the attack.

Across the Palestinian-ruled areas and in Jerusalem protests are planned today to mark Prisoners' Day. The anti-Israel protests could widen to include protests against the PA which has taken nearly 1,000 Hamas supporters prisoner in the past seven weeks.

PA Planning Minister Nabil Shasath condemned the Israeli attack on the Palestinian refugee camp Ein Hilweh in Lebanon saying, "We can never accept this attack on Palestinians and Lebanese" and he called for an

### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Jonathan Freud will speak on "The Gypsies of Eastern Europe."

To consecrate the tombstone of our beloved **ESSIE NARUNSKY** we will gather at the Kfar Shmaryahu Cemetery on Friday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

To mark one year since the passing of our member **LEAH (Dubinsky) DUBIN** a memorial service and the unveiling of the gravestone will take place on Thursday, April 18, 1996, leaving for the cemetery from the parking lot outside the dining room at 5:00 p.m.

Kibbutz Shluchot

**CHWOLA (Freedman) KLIBANSKI** of Brookline, MA, formerly of Bayshore, Long Island, NY, passed away on Friday, April 12, 1996.

Beloved wife of the late Aron, loving mother of Anne Seberman of Brookline, MA, adored grandmother of Reid and Jessica.

Funeral services were private. Remembrances may be made to the Simon Wiesenthal Center, 9780 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035. Arrangements by the Lavine Chapel, Brookline, MA.

## Kids from North play at Sakhna

HAIM SHAPIRO

WORKERS at Gan Hashlosha had prepared a wide variety of activities for children and young people who live near the northern border, but the kids ignored them all.

"We were ready to show them the flour mill and the museum and we had flour ready for them to make pitot, but they took one look and headed straight for the water," said Yehuda Carmi, director of the national park also known as Sakhna, located at the foot of Mt. Gilboa, where natural springs provide the source for over a kilometer-and-a-half of meandering pools and waterfalls.

Carmi said that about 300 youngsters from Kiryat Shmona, Ma'alot, Nir David, Sasa, and Gesher Haziv spent yesterday at the park. The visit was part of a program established by the Beit She'an Valley Regional Council in cooperation with local councils from the North.

"We spent the whole day in the

water," said Ziv Merber, 11, of Gesher Haziv.

Throughout the day, the youngsters could be seen swimming and playing in the water. Screaming with delight, they waded in the shallow pools, stood under the waterfalls, and paddled around on inner tubes.

Yesterday's outing was only one of a series planned for the youngsters.

"We've gone to all sorts of places," said Merber's friend, Shalom Danoff, also from Gesher Haziv.

Among the places they have visited, Danoff said, were Beit Oren, Kfar Hamaccabi, Kfar Tivon, and Gan Ha'em in Haifa.

National Parks Authority spokesman Ofer Grinstein said that over the past three days about 1,000 young people have visited such sites as Tzipori, Beit She'an, and Ma'ayan Herod, as well as Gan Hashlosha.

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# Shahal: PA cooperating in war on terror

THE Palestinian Authority has turned over to Israel explosives it confiscated from terror groups in its territory, in addition to keeping the government up to date on its war against Hamas, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal revealed yesterday.

"For the past three weeks the PA has passed on to us [intelligence] information [on terrorist activities] and has also turned over to us explosives it has captured in Gaza," Shahal said in an Israel Radio interview.

"We are watching events to see if we are

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just talking about a temporary situation or a permanent and serious change of position by the PA," he added.

Shahal also defended granting visas to terrorists so they can attend the upcoming Palestine National Conference meeting, saying Israel did not want to give the PNC any excuse for not amending its charter. The government has said the peace negotiations can not advance until the PNC revokes the sections of its

charter calling for Israel's destruction.

He said the decision to give visas to the terrorists - including airplane hijacker Leila Khaled and Nayef Hawatmeh, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine - "were not specific. The government did not approve each name."

"Rather, the decision was general, and taken some time ago, to allow the PNC to hold its meeting [in the PA-controlled areas] in order to cancel the sections that call for Israel's annihilation," Shahal said.

# Army seizing Palestinian land in Ramallah area

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THE IDF has begun expropriating Palestinian-owned land around settlements in the Ramallah area as part of new security measures being implemented throughout Judea and Samaria, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The civil administration, over the past several days, has run advertisements in the Palestinian press announcing the expropriations in the Ramallah area. The expropriation orders themselves are signed by the new OC Central Command, Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan.

The orders were directed to residents of Rafat, Ein Yabrud, Deir Dibwan, and Mazra'at el-Kibilya, Palestinian communities near Ramallah in Area C, which remains under exclusively Israeli control. There is no mention in the ads of why the land is being taken.

The expropriation orders do not specify what settlements the land is going to, but from the location of the expropriations they apparently include Talmon, Nahliel, Halamish, and Ofra, along with several other

expropriations, not including those announced this week.

Department head Khalil Tafugji said the report will be used by Palestinian negotiators in the final stage talks slated to begin next month. The PA is up in arms over the expropriations and alleged settlement expansion, he said.

Yesterday, Hassan Asfour, head of the PA's Negotiations Affairs Department, held a meeting in Gaza to discuss the report's findings, according to Palestinian sources.

Some 22,071 dunams in Judea and Samaria were confiscated for bypass roads from the signing of the agreement in Taba 18 months ago until the end of last month, the report states.

An additional 990 dunams was expropriated by military orders for undisclosed reasons, according to the report, which was written by Tafugji. He singled out "settlement expansion encircling the Jerusalem municipal borders" as a major region of Jewish construction.

# UN session on Lebanon ends with whimper

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THE United Nations Security Council ended a marathon session on the fighting in Lebanon late Monday without adopting a resolution or issuing a formal statement.

Instead, in what was the weakest outcome, the council president, Juan Somavia, issued a statement that summarized the session without mentioning Israel by name.

Somavia, ambassador of Chile, said that "all who have spoken are concerned that the fighting, violence and bloodshed should cease once and for all, that the humanitarian needs of the civilian population should be addressed, and that the peace process must be sustained."

There had been a flurry of consultations Monday, in which the US and Britain played prominent roles, to limit any formal council action, diplomatic sources said.

The American and British efforts were seen as especially important because most speakers said Israel should withdraw from the security zone in Lebanon, even while they condemned terrorism and expressed understanding for Israel's security concerns.

Several of the 31 nations par-

ticipating in the debate also raised concerns about the extent of the Israeli response in Lebanon.

Russia rejected the "terrorist methods practiced by some extremist groups," said envoy Sergei Lavrov, but "to what extent are strikes by the Israeli army in proportion to the actions of extremists?"

Self-defense was clearly legitimate, Germany's ambassador, Tono Eitel said, but such measures "can become illegal if they do not abide by the basic rule of law prescribing proportionality."

The Lebanon debate was the second in a single day to consider Israeli actions. Earlier Monday, the council convened regarding the Israeli closure of the territories. That debate also ended without a resolution of a formal statement.

Samir Moubarak of Lebanon had called on the council to halt and condemn "Israeli aggression" and to force Israel to withdraw from Lebanon.

The hostilities had "been triggered on purpose by the Israelis

to serve the electoral ambitions of the Israeli government," he said.

While Lebanon condemns terrorism, Moubarak said, "it firmly supports the legitimate right of peoples to resist foreign occupation." Lebanon will have no peace with Israel as long as Israel does not withdraw from South Lebanon and from the Golan Heights up to the June 4, 1967, line, he said.

Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi said Israel was defending its people against Hizbullah, a point

that found favor with the Americans.

"Those who allow Hizbullah's militia to act with impunity in Lebanon must bear responsibility for the consequences," said US Ambassador Madeleine Albright, who did not raise the issue of humanitarian aid for the displaced Lebanese.

Hizbullah's violence damages Israel, the prospects for a Middle East peace, and undermines the safety of the Lebanese people and the legitimacy of the Lebanese state, she said. Hizbullah's leaders lack the courage to contemplate peace, Albright said, "because peace would make them irrelevant."

# Palestinian journalists protest PA police violence

Palestinian journalists yesterday demonstrated outside the Palestinian Authority Information Ministry in Ramallah against police violence during a demonstration of Hamas families outside the police headquarters there Saturday.

Police beat press photographer Khaled Zigari unconscious while he and others were covering the protest. Police chased journalists into town and confiscated their cameras, saying it was a closed military area. Zigari was beaten and woke up in East Jerusalem's Mokassed Hospital.

The Ramallah governor's office issued a statement saying the policemen responsible erred and will be tried. *Jon Immanuel*

# CANCER

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"Laurence Tisch is a very respected personality and prominent donor to American and Jewish causes. While smoking is wrong, the organizers do not regard accepting money from Tisch as immoral. Because he is dinner chairman, many people who would ordinarily not have attended will be there and give money to the center. There is no intention of replacing him."

Tisch, who recently sold the CBS TV network to Westinghouse, donated funds for the establishment of Jerusalem's new Biblical Zoo, which is named for him.

Dr. William Cahan, a senior attending surgeon specializing in pulmonary cancer surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said it was "an oxymoron and very cynical for the Lautenberg Center to honor a company whose products have caused the deaths of millions of people. Tobacco executives know that what they do

starts children on cigarettes, makes them addicted and maims and kills."

Michael Pertschuk, head of the Advocacy Institute in Washington, said that during the past year, there has been major recognition in the US that "tobacco executives are not in the same moral category as other businessmen. It is now a fact that companies added nicotine to their products to make them more addictive, and this resulted in more people smoking and dying. The Lautenberg Center should be publicly shamed if they don't change their minds about Tisch."

The Israel Forum for the Prevention of Smoking, an umbrella group that brings together many public organizations, said: "We regard the choice of Tisch as dinner chairman as a serious mistake. A cancer-research organization that accepts funds from vested interests endangers its interests, as research results could be affected."

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He said the force was managing to give them essential items, but was having difficulty bringing in fresh supplies because of the ongoing shelling by the IDF and the rubble and craters now blocking many roads in the south.

Goksel said these problems had been raised by UNIFIL's commander in a meeting yesterday afternoon with the commander of the IDF's foreign forces liaison unit.

"We were assured that the IDF command has given instructions to soldiers to facilitate UNIFIL's humanitarian work. We cited specific cases where this was not happening and we were promised remedial action," Goksel said.

According to reports from Lebanon, the amount of resistance to the IAF strikes is increasing, with gunmen firing a variety of weapons, ranging from RPG's and anti-aircraft guns to more sophisticated shoulder-held SAM 7 missiles.

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In a meeting with Peres, Arafat is expected to ask that the closure of the territories, which has been in force since the suicide bombings, be either eased or lifted.

Another key issue is whether Israel will redeploy from Hebron before the May 29 elections. Peres has set two conditions for the pullback from Hebron: nullification of parts of the PLO Covenant and the Palestinians seizing Hamas fugitives such as Mohammed Deif.

Meanwhile, a senior official justified the decision to permit Nayef Hawatmeh to return to Gaza by saying that he would be under the watch of the PA, which is preferable to the heretofore free hand he had in Damascus. The official insisted Hawatmeh would not be permitted to go to the West Bank.

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# Apartheid victims move Tutu to tears

EAST LONDON (Reuter) — Widows of victims of the apartheid era broke down in tears yesterday as they relived the deaths of their loved ones in harrowing testimony before South Africa's "truth commission".

Victims' stories even brought tears to the eyes of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who chaired day two of the hearings designed to uncover human rights abuses under white rule.

Tutu said he had to postpone hearing one witness because she had planned to name two men as alleged perpetrators of human rights abuses, but they had applied to a court to stop her.

Cape Town Supreme Court, which ordered the delay, will deal with the matter on Wednesday next week — but itself named the two as retired brigadier Jan du Preez and retired major-general Nicolaas Jansen van Rensburg.

Joyce Mthimkhulu was to have told about how her son vanished in 1982, but even without her the commission sat through a full day of grief from other witnesses.

Tutu adjourned the evidence for 15 minutes to allow one, Nomonde Calata, to compose herself.

Calata collapsed back in her chair, her cry of anguish hushing the packed assembly, as she described the moment in 1985 when she first suspected her teacher husband Fort Calata had been killed by security police.

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# Madonna — with child

BUDAPEST — American rock star Madonna, 37, is four months pregnant with her first child, her publicist said yesterday.

Madonna, who once said she would advertise for a man to father a child, is "deliciously happy", publicist Liz Rosenberg told Britain's GMTV.

The singer is currently in Budapest filming a movie version of the hit stage musical *Evita*.

The baby's father, Carlos Leon, a 29-year-old Cuban fitness instructor, was also said to be pleased by the news.

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President Bill Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto feed carp in a pond from the balcony of Tokyo's Akasaka State Guesthouse as wives Hillary and Kumiko look on prior to a banquet in the US President's honor. Clinton is on a three-day state visit to Japan after completing a trip to South Korea. (Reuter)

# Clinton, Kim propose wide peace talks

CHEJU-DO, South Korea (AP) — President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam proposed yesterday four-way peace talks to include North and South Korea as well as the United States and China.

"North Korea has said it wants peace," Clinton said. "This is our proposal to achieve it." He said there would be "no preconditions" to the talk and that the United States would not conduct separate talks with the North.

The unexpected proposal departed from a longstanding US goal of resolving tensions on the peninsula through direct North-South talks without outside participation.

US officials said the idea for four-way talks was advanced first by South Korea, about two months ago.

Both Clinton and Kim expressed optimism that North Korea would accept the idea which they said could lead to a permanent peace on the Korean peninsula.

Kim said he and Clinton expect a positive response from both Korea and China. A US official said the Chinese had so far "responded with understanding."

In Beijing, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said China was not consulted about the proposal beforehand and remains somewhat in the dark.

"At present we are not too clear about the specific contents of the proposal," spokesman Shen Guofang said. "But I can emphasize ... that it is our hope that peace and stability be maintained on the Korean peninsula and China will play its constructive role to this end."

And in Moscow, North Korean ambassador Song Sung Pil was quoted by the Itar-Tass news agency as saying that Pyongyang did not need any mediators to establish a new security system on the Korean Peninsula.

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# Russian antisemitism 'at low ebb'

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's long tradition of antisemitism is at a low ebb as many Russians' hostility focuses instead on Chechens and others from the Caucasus region, according to a major opinion poll released yesterday.

The survey, conducted by the Moscow-based polling firm ROMIR, also found that many Russians are ignorant of even the most basic facts about the Holocaust.

A spokesman for the American Jewish Committee, which sponsored the nationwide poll, said the results should serve as a warning for the potential for problems for Jews and other ethnic groups.

"At this moment in Russian society, there are other groups that serve as a lightning rod, as a magnet, that attract anger, that attract hostility, that attract frustration," said David Singer, research director for the New York-based organization.

"A society that is intolerant for one group by definition has the capacity for being intolerant toward other groups as well," he said at a news conference.

Russia has a history of discriminating against Jews dating back to czarist times, when Jews were banned from living in or near big cities. Pogroms were carried out early in this century, and more persecution followed under the Communists, particularly in the Josef Stalin era.

The reforms of the 1980s opened up a new round of antisemitism led by hate groups and hard-liners who blamed Jews for economic and political chaos and other misfortunes. In the last two years, Jewish graves in St. Petersburg have been desecrated, vandals have attacked Moscow's main synagogue several times and the newspaper *Pravda* has accused Jews of ritual murders.

The survey found that overall, however, hostility toward Jews in Russia today appears to be relatively low.

Asked to select which groups behave in a manner that provokes hostility in Russia, 4 percent said Jews, compared with 71 percent who said Chechens. Other groups who got a more negative response included Azerbaijanis 31 percent, Armenians 25 percent and Gypsies 24 percent.

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# Ebola outbreak at 'monkey farm'

ALICE, Texas (AP) — News that the deadly Ebola virus has struck imported primates at a remote breeding center was greeted nonchalantly by locals, who refer to the facility simply as "the monkey farm."

"I'm not concerned about their monkeys," said 64-year-old Dan Brown. "I'm not going out there."

It did pique some interest, however. At least one resident popped into a video store asking to rent "the movie about some virus." Two copies of the Rentclub's film *Outbreak* were rented.

Public health officials confirmed a strain of the virus in two monkeys imported from the Philippines to the privately owned Texas Primate Center.

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# Revolution in Teheran zigs 'n' zags

GREG MYRE  
TEHERAN

**D**OWN with USA" is set in big brown files on the lobby wall of the Laleh Hotel, a national mantra that hasn't changed since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

But when an American reporter visits the hotel's phone center, Rahim Bagheri, a friendly and curious employee, says: "We like the American people, but we never see them here. Why don't more of them come?"

Well, Rahim, you might start by reconsidering the official motto.

Iran today is full of such contradictions. The theocratic rulers remain committed to a brand of Islam with heavy anti-Western overtones. But ideology constantly clashes with attempts to revive a faltering economy, end international isolation and meet the aspirations of Iran's fast-growing, youthful population.

In the US view, Iran is a dangerous, rogue state that sponsors terrorism, seeks to build nuclear weapons and aims to export its brand of militant Islam.

But inside Iran, the tone is more mixed. For each strident statement by an Islamic hard-liner, there is another voice calling for political moderation, a working relationship with the West, an easing of the strict social code.

Teheran's young, assertive mayor, Gholam Hossein Karbaschi, has been opening cultural centers that show foreign movies and offer music lessons, providing welcome entertainment for the country's youth.

Moslem clerics have fought back, denouncing "corrupting" influences in their campaign to ban everything foreign from satellite dishes to Coca-Cola.

With backing from President Hashemi Rafsanjani, the mayor has won the battle for now, but no one knows when the pendulum will swing the other way.

"There is definitely more freedom than six years ago," said Afshin Masheh, back home for a visit after working in the US since 1990.

At the Golestan shopping mall, the women dutifully observe the hejab, the head-to-toe Islamic covering, but now allow a bit of hair to peek out. One woman's head scarf has a leopard-skin print. Many are wearing bright red lipstick.

The clothing shops have blue jeans and V-neck dresses in the windows; baggy black chadors are relegated to the racks in the back. Women wear chadors in public, but Western clothes can be seen poking out.

On the ski slopes north of Teheran, the piste is split into men's and women's sides, but teenage boys and girls slip under mesh netting to flirt with one another, out of sight of the ski police.

Rafsanjani, the cleric who has now been president seven years, favors measured social and economic reforms and a gradual opening up to the West.

But there are multiple power centers in Iran - Rafsanjani, spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the independent-minded Parliament, the hardline clerics, the bazaar merchants. All have clout, but none is dominant, producing a confusing mix of policies.

Iran's news media have more freedom than most in the region. Newspapers have exposed offi-

cial corruption, scoffed at government economic policies and criticized some politicians before the March 8 parliamentary elections.

Yet Abbas Marouffi, editor of *Gardoun* magazine, was recently sentenced to six months in jail and 20 lashes for articles that suggested Iranians were unhappier now than before the revolution that toppled the shah 17 years ago.

Opposition groups have not been allowed to operate since the revolution, and all candidates in the March election professed their allegiance to Islamic rule.

Within those confines, the voting was seen as a contest between moderates and hardliners. But only 139 of the 270 seats were filled, and it will not be clear which faction has the upper hand until the runoff elections this Friday.

More than 400 candidates were on the ballot in Teheran, where the top vote-getter was Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, a conservative cleric and the speaker of Parliament who is seen as a potential presidential candidate when Rafsanjani steps down next year.

But trailing closely was Faezeh Hassemi, the president's 33-year-old daughter, who has made a name for herself promoting women's sports. Her strong showing was seen as an endorsement of her father's policies and a vote for fresh, young faces who want greater change.

"Development should be very speedy," Mrs. Hassemi said in an interview. "The new Parliament can either support or cause problems for our development plans."

Half of Iran's 65 million people were born after the revolution, and while they value the country's Islamic identity, many young people chafe at the puritanical rules.

Satellite dishes that pulled in Western programs were becoming so popular that conservative clerics in the government banned them last year.

Most owners have hidden their dishes, waiting for the mood to change. Some go through the cumbersome process of setting up the dishes at night to watch for a few hours, then dismantling them before daybreak.

Others have turned to Ali, the video pirate.

Ali makes a good living by going door-to-door, serving some 400 clients with a briefcase stocked with banned videos. His current selection includes *Pretty Woman*, *Die Hard* and *True Lies*. "I've been arrested a few times," said Ali, who declined to give his full name. "I have to pay a fine and promise not to do it again. But business is very good."

It's one of the few segments of the economy doing well.

Iran produces about 3.6 million barrels of oil a day, sufficient to keep the economy chugging, but not enough to bring prosperity.

Inflation is running at 50 percent or more. A typical monthly salary in Teheran of about 300,000 rials (NIS 300) is barely enough to cover the rent. There are lines day and night outside government shops selling subsidized milk, cheese, bread and meat.

Economists say the government must stop overspending, and that will mean painful cuts in subsidies to the poor, the strongest supporters of the Islamic revolution.

# Syria: Where domestic and foreign policies collide

ANALYSIS  
PINHAS INBARI

Cold-War Middle East, and they do not change easily.

**T**HE large scale of the IDF operation in Lebanon has made Syria face a fundamentally simple choice.

Damascus can either accept the tacit Israeli-American offer to take responsibility for the security situation in Lebanon in the framework of overall security arrangements in the Middle East; or it can decline the offer and enter into greater confrontation with Washington's two most powerful allies in the region - Israel and Turkey. This option involves maintaining the alliance with Iran, the main sponsor and supplier of Hizbullah.

Israel and Turkey, which are becoming increasingly close, are both militarily stronger and better equipped than Syria. The only fallback Syria has against them is terrorism - precisely what it is using.

For years Syrian foreign minister Farouk Shara has quietly conducted moves toward a more pro-

American policy. This could be seen in his anti-PLO anti-Maronite line in Lebanon, his support for the anti-Saddam coalition during the Kuwait crisis, and Syria's participation in the Madrid peace conference. Yet Syria also kept its old alliance with Iran, despite strains over the peace process with Israel.

Syria's problems have really started with growing American pressures for the isolation of Iran. Logically, there should be no difficulty in swapping Hashemi Rafsanjani for Bill Clinton. But Syria's inability to abandon the old alliance with Iran is interwoven with the internal situation in Syria.

No less significant is the old-fashioned mentality of the leadership in Damascus, starting with President Hafez Assad. These are the representatives of the old-

THE stability of the minority Alawite Syrian regime is based on a massive and powerful security apparatus not unlike the old Securitate of Romania. This apparatus has a natural and well-ingrained tendency to stick with familiar anti-Israeli sentiments. The regime also fears the army's attitude to Israeli demands that deep cuts in its size must be made when it comes to implementing confidence-building measures.

The truth is Syria's domestic and foreign policies have a conflict of interest and all the regime can do at present is try to preserve the existing balance for as long as possible. Its best option is to appear to be seeking peace - and then block any progress. This is obvious from Syria's long-standing demand that the peace process be based on "international



Hafez Assad: 'An old-fashioned mentality.'

(Reuters)

al legitimacy," namely, UN resolutions.

Neither Israel nor the US has any time for this formula, demanding instead to base peace talks on those bilateral agreements already reached between Israel and other Arab parties - such as those at Camp David and

Oslo. In the past Syrian foreign policy accorded with that of the Soviet Union. Today Syria's continued adherence to the old ways illustrates its inability to reconcile the pressures for a new foreign policy with the fears of the old internal sensitivities.



French Foreign Minister de Charette was dispatched by President Jacques Chirac to try and win a cease-fire between Israel and Hizbullah. Earlier this week he met (above) with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak

(AP)

## Snubbed EU labels French move a 'hollow gesture'

**F**RANCE'S decision to snub its European Union partners and make a solo attempt to intervene over the present crisis in Lebanon was no more than a hollow gesture that could backfire and undermine the bloc's credibility, European diplomats said.

French President Jacques Chirac ordered his foreign minister, Herve de Charette, to Israel on Monday for meetings with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, followed by visits to Syria and Lebanon.

It came just one week after the French president proclaimed support for Lebanon's sovereignty and independence on his first visit to the region.

France's move sidelined the EU's troika system of dealing with foreign policy through representatives - a troika - of the bloc's immediate past, present and future presidencies - in this case Spain, Italy and Ireland.

"If Chirac had done this properly he would have called for a troika. But he didn't," one diplomat said. "This will go down like a lead balloon, not because of any jealousies but because the French move is hollow. There is nothing in it," the

diplomat added.

It also raises questions about France's avowed commitment to a European security and defense policy, although the French Foreign Ministry did say de Charette had informed Italian Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli of his trip at the weekend.

Under the leadership of the Spanish government in the second half of last year, the EU made great strides in constructing a coherent front and developing its relations with and policies on the Middle East.

This culminated in the Barcelona Declaration on mutual cooperation last November that arguably helped open the door to renewed peace talks between Israel and Syria.

However, since then little has happened, with two of the three troika nations in domestic political limbo either - in the case of Spain - still waiting to form a government after inconclusive national elections, or in Italy's case, in the throes of an election campaign.

"Obviously the French have been frustrated by the ineffectiveness of the Italian [EU] presidency," one diplomat said. "It takes the EU a long time to build a

profile in a region, but having done so in the Middle East it has failed to follow up," the diplomat said.

"But the bottom line is that for their own reasons the French have taken the initiative. This will not be positive for the people of the Middle East and it could in fact hurt the EU."

The words had a prophetic ring. Even as de Charette set off, Peres said he was not yet ready to negotiate an end to the IDF's pursuit of Hizbullah.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri reaffirmed after talks with Chirac that he could not disarm Hizbullah or prevent it resisting Israelis in southern Lebanon.

French businessmen and politicians were also pursuing an independent line in Baghdad this week, exploring trade deals to supply sanctions-hit Iraq with items not barred under the United Nations embargo.

"Our delegation consists of businessmen and politicians. But the important part of the delegation is the businessmen because many [French] firms are interested [in conducting business in Iraq]," said head of the delegation, former French army general chief-of-staff Jeannou

Lacaze. The businessmen represent 15 French firms specializing in construction, foodstuffs and medicines.

"They are here to prepare some agreements, not to sign deals now," said Lacaze, who is also president of the Council of Trade and Industry with Iraq.

The group has met with Iraqi ministers of health, irrigation, housing and construction and defense. They are also meeting ministers of oil, trade and industry before leaving today.

The United Nations and Iraq are negotiating an oil-for-food plan that would permit Iraq to sell \$2 billion worth of oil over six months to buy food, medicine and other goods.

France is keen to revive its once lucrative trade with Iraq and advocates lifting the ban on Iraqi oil exports once it is clear that Baghdad is in full compliance with UN demands on the annihilation of its weapons of mass destruction.

France upgraded its representation in Iraq last year, sending a diplomat to run an interest section in Baghdad for the first time since its invasion of Kuwait.

(News agencies)

## Libya commemorates US air raid

**W**ITH children chanting against UN sanctions, Libya this week marked the 10th anniversary of a US air raid launched in revenge for a bombing that killed two American soldiers.

The government shut down almost all international phone and telex links and stopped land, sea and air travel.

State-run television broadcast in black-and-white instead of color as a sign of mourning for Libyans killed in the overnight air raid on April 14-15, 1986. Government buildings were draped with black banners, and black streamers hung in some hotel lobbies.

After morning prayers in the capital, Tripoli, on Monday, the Tripoli People's Committee led a parade of demonstrators from the central Green Square to the UN condemn the air strikes and force the US to pay compensation. Libya's official JANA news agency reported.

A statement read to the crowd accused the US of "barbarism and power mania" and of being "the leader of international terrorism," the agency said.

At a Tripoli rally, about 100 preschool children stood outside the UN mission to protest Security Council sanctions that have been in force for the past four years.

The children held small, green Libyan flags and bouquets of flowers. One of the children's placards complained that "The unjust sanctions have caused the deaths of thousands of innocent children and mothers."

US jets bombed Tripoli and the port of Benghazi after president Ronald Reagan accused Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi of backing terrorists around the globe. Libya said the raids killed 37 people, including an adopted daughter of Gaddafi. (AP)

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## A contest of wills

IF there is one thing which can neither help the national morale nor bolster confidence in the government it is a statement by a high government official that the war in Lebanon has no political goals. Minister Yossi Beilin, usually a refreshingly straightforward politician, said as much in a radio interview yesterday, adding that the reason for this lack is that "we don't want to be captives of political goals. This is a purely military operation."

The impression made by official pronouncements is that the military action is intended to cause the destruction of various Hizbullah and Lebanese targets, and that the army would represent a government decision to stop its offensive before its mission is accomplished. But there is also an inescapable feeling that the government does not know what it wants to achieve beyond that, except a vaguely termed "calm in the North."

As most Israelis remember all too clearly, calm in the North is precisely what the unwritten understandings which followed Operation Accountability three years ago were intended to achieve. But since these understandings were concluded (following the displacement of 250,000 Lebanese civilians and the killing of almost 200 Hizbullah operatives), more than 60 Israeli soldiers and 150 South Lebanese Army soldiers have been killed, and the calm in Galilee has been fragile, interrupted by sometimes lethal Katyushas.

The glaring flaw in the 1993 understandings, achieved after strenuous American mediation efforts in Damascus, was that they were not a cease-fire agreement. All they did was prohibit the shelling by both sides of civilian targets outside the security zone, while giving Hizbullah a license to continue its operations inside the zone. This gave the guerrilla organization an unprecedented advantage. Having no qualms about placing their operational command posts, weapons and fighters in villages on the border of the zone, they were virtually immune to retaliatory attacks by the IDF.

It is no wonder, then, that Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara, and even the Iranian government are all ready to return to the "understandings." It would put Israel in the same untenable position that the American-brokered agreement of three years ago inflicted on it.

The government obviously understands that the public will not countenance a repetition of this costly mistake. But Beilin's denial of political goals, and Prime Minister Shimon Peres's

repeated assurances that all the Hizbullah must do to end the Israeli air-and-artillery offensive is stop firing, make one wonder about the government's resolve.

Israel's unremitting military pressure must not be halted just because the Hizbullah may temporarily run out of Katyushas or if it stops the firing for a few days. It must continue until Damascus commits itself in unequivocal terms to a total cease-fire in Lebanon.

Nor should such a commitment be confined to an unwritten understanding. Continuing the fiction that Syria can only informally "influence" the Hizbullah is a prescription for more guerrilla warfare by a purportedly independent organization - an arrangement which affords Damascus the luxury of "deniability."

Syria can control every move of the Hizbullah, and it must take open responsibility for reinventing it. Moreover, to make any Syrian commitment to such a cease-fire meaningful, an agreement must include provisions for American sanctions if the Syrians fail to abide by their obligations.

It will not be easy to achieve this. Syria obviously prefers the present arrangement, in which it can use the Hizbullah as its shooting arm in the negotiations with Israel. It is the least costly way for Damascus to remind Israelis that the price of not yielding to Syrian demands is Israeli casualties in Lebanon.

The occasional Israeli offensives against Hizbullah and the village population which supports it do not hurt Syrian interests nor affect the large number of Syrian workers in Lebanon. Only a prolonged sea-and-air siege on Beirut and intensive bombing of the Lebanese infrastructure can have an adverse effect on the Syrian economy. But it is doubtful Israel is willing to take this route, which will inevitably cause great suffering to the Lebanese population.

It will require great determination to continue the military pressure until Syria is made to agree to a general cease-fire in Lebanon. Syria knows that a prolonged Israeli offensive will inevitably cause more civilians casualties and a growing clamor in the world and in Israel to stop, and it seems willing to wait until Israel is forced to halt the offensive with little to show for it.

It is now a contest of wills. Peres has said that he will continue until Syria and Lebanon understand that it is in their interest "to curb the terror." One can only hope that they will be forced to arrive at such an understanding before he blinks.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - I have just read Larry Derfner's article "Basic impulse" (April 11), and I am surprised that your newspaper would allow such blatantly antisemitic and hateful copy to fill its pages. He claims that people who are "dumb," "reactionary," etc. vote for Likud, a party which represents all walks of life, while he and his ilk vote for Labor. Well, if he is representative of the Labor voter, then this country does not have to worry about the terror without, but the ignorance and Derfners within.  
YAACOV PETERSEIL  
Jerusalem.

Sir, - I must protest in the strongest terms at the publication of the article by Larry Derfner. His attack in the most bigoted, venomous, vitriolic, vicious, vituperative and intemperate language on at least half of Israel's population is quite disgraceful, uncalled for, almost without precedent in a respectable newspaper and not up to the standard expected of you.

According to Mr. Derfner the only people who count in this society are university professors and PG graduates. Many of these people he is so enamored of, the so-called intellectual, are too often convinced of their own superiority in all things that whereas in my experience they are frequently bigoted, smug and opinionated, as is Mr. Derfner, without a vestige of the common sense of the in very people Mr. Derfner slights and disparages, the Israeli "man in the street."

It is all very well being proud of the fact that you open your columns for to people of different political viewpoints, but to allow your paper to be used for viciously attacking a section of the Israeli public and saying words that the opinions they hold and their support for one political party rather than the other is because they are uneducated, is quite another, and is unforgivable.  
YEKUTIEL BARETTI  
Jerusalem.

Sir, - Seeing Larry Derfner's article, I quickly looked at my calendar. To make sure it was not April 1. However, recalling previous articles by this "gentleman," no one need be surprised by this, his latest liter-

## HATEFUL ARTICLE

any "masterpiece," full of terminal inexactitudes, vilifying Likud voters as "dregs, ignoramus, criminals," etc., etc.

It must be real fear of a Netanyahu victory which can prompt these Labor-inspired gutter tactics of anti-Likud incitement, but does he really believe that even the most glib voter will fall for this kind of infantile "propaganda"?

BILL OAKFIELD  
Netanya.

Sir, - Larry Derfner's strident prose barely conceals its grave underlying message, perhaps overlooked during editorial review. It opposes the Post's reputation for verified facts and for the non-polarizing literal style characteristic of objective and balanced reporting. A Jew-baiting dictum quickly emerges with "All of Israeli dregs - the Jewish dregs - vote right."

But Derfner's central motive is suddenly asserted as "Such Jewish impulses are marshaled against Palestinians. This classic paradigm of self-hating Jewry then spews out 'rotten Israel souls, dumb Israelis, reactionary religious Judaism and Jewish supremacy' in a frenzied torrent of emotional invective. Why publicly display such tortured antisemitic Jewish pathology? That serious character disorder surely requires a private, quiet therapeutic setting.  
JEROME KHARASCH, M.D.  
Rishon LeZion.

Sir - In what must be an all-time record for The Jerusalem Post, your issue of April 12 carried two letters to the editor attacking a column by Larry Derfner of the previous day. Mr. Derfner's column - which the two letters to the editor attacked vehemently - was to the effect that voters generally seem to divide in their voting patterns of Left vs. Right based on religious observance, level of education, ethnic origin (Sephardi or Ashkenazi), etc. Both letters denigrated this hypothesis totally.

Purely by chance, the following day I came across an article by Charles Liebman, generally acknowledged as one of the leading sociologists in Israel, and a profes-

sor at Bar-Ilan University. The article is entitled "Relations between Orthodox and non-Orthodox in Israel," and appears in a book published in 1991 (i.e. five years ago) entitled *Orthodoxy Confronts Modernity* (following a symposium on this topic which was held in England).

In his article (p. 120), Prof. Liebman writes:

"Virtually every public issue - whether or not Israel should construct the Lavi airplane, extradite convicted killer William Nakash to France, negotiate with the PLO, surrender territory in exchange for peace, limit the rights of Israeli Arabs to vote or be elected, limit the freedom of the media, censor pornography - finds the same population groups arranged on the two different sides of the issue. Those who are better educated, of Ashkenazi background and define themselves as non-dati ('religious') - SHI are likely to adopt the position, and those with the least formal education, of Sephardic background, who define themselves as dati, are likely to adopt the opposite position.

In short, what Mr. Derfner wrote as a "gut" feeling is borne out by sociological research, and, as such, cannot be dismissed out-of-hand.  
SHMUEL HIMELSTEIN  
Jerusalem.

## APOLOGY

Sir, - I wish I hadn't written "Basic impulses" (Opinion, April 11). There's so much in it I'd like to take back. It was terrible of me to describe uneducated people and followers of the Lubavitcher rebbe and the Baba Sali as "dregs." Violent people and lovers of violence are "dregs"; I should have left it at that. I qualified my polemic against the right by noting a few times that most right-wingers are decent, intelligent people. But when I went on the attack, I effectively shouted down these disclaimers, and ended up maligning a lot of good people.

There are dark, dangerous forces in the Israeli right, and they have to be assaulted. But in this last opinion piece, I went too far and too wide. Right-wingers do not have "base" political impulses, as I wrote: only the "base" among them do. To all the rest, I apologize.  
LARRY DERFNER  
Tel Aviv.



## Bitter grapes in Galilee

THE over 100 Katyushas fired on Israel's northern settlements are proof that Hizbullah has been stockpiling weapons to use against Israel ever since Operation Accountability back in July 1993.

Though the airlift from Tehran via Damascus to the Hizbullah command in the Bekaa Valley never let up, many Israelis deluded themselves into believing that Kiryat Shmonea's security could be guaranteed by the Hizbullah undertaking to Syria that it would not fire Katyushas on Galilee settlements.

But anyone putting his faith in indirect understandings with Hizbullah is like the man who got thrown out of a 70-story building. When someone on the 20th floor looked out and asked how he was, he replied, "So far, so good."

Hizbullah needed a period of respite to train and build up its weapons stocks. Now it can show off 70 would-be suicide bombers in Beirut, complete with their booby-trapped suits; it can threaten to continue its attacks on Israel, and take pride in its endurance while Galilee residents are forced to take refuge or huddle in shelters.

The rearmament of Hizbullah and its deployment against Israel raise a question: Why did Israel wait so long before employing its planes and cannons to prevent the terrorist infrastructure becoming entrenched in Lebanon? Curbing Hizbullah would be easier had Israel acted sooner.

Several other questions could be asked about the political steps accompanying Operation Grapes of Wrath - but IDF soldiers and pilots are now fighting the enemy, and we must hold our criticism until the war is over. This is a time for the nation to close ranks behind the objective of restoring security to Galilee residents.

One unintentional effect of the war has been a demonstration of pan-Arab solidarity with Lebanon.

## MOSHE ZAK

Even though not every Arab country identifies with Hizbullah's terrorist objectives, there is general Arab agreement with Lebanon's claim that the organization is fighting us because we are occupying Lebanese territory. This Arab consolidation opposing our onslaught on Hizbullah terror must be met by a pan-Jewish front of total identification.

## Israeli moves in Lebanon must take into account US sensitivity to war victims on TV

with the IDF. Any party politics, any disagreement with the way the political echelon has used the IDF in Lebanon must be put on the back burner.

STILL, one may legitimately ask whether Operation Grapes of Wrath has a time limit. Our history of relations with the US teaches that even in wars in which we enjoyed US support, the US got impatient when those wars lasted too long. Americans were heavily influenced by the pictures of wounded civilians and refugees on their TV screens.

During the War of Attrition in 1969-70, the US agreed to Israel's bombing targets deep in Egyptian territory as a means of self-defense against Egyptian attacks on Israeli outposts on the Suez Canal. But then Egypt came up with photographs showing 30 schoolchildren hurt in one of the bombings, and that began the countdown toward a forced cease-fire (with USSR cooperation). It even embraced the diplomatic negotiations in a way that was to

Israel's disadvantage. In the Yom Kippur War the US supported Israel, and even the arming of arms. But when the war dragged on, the US couldn't withstand Soviet pressure. It agreed jointly with the USSR to end the war, without Israel being allowed to win a decisive victory in the field.

In the early stages of the Lebanon war in 1982, Israel was given leave to assume that US silence implied consent to the war, and in a speech to the British Parliament president Reagan was the first to state the desired outcome: removing the Syrian army from Lebanon.

But Reagan was influenced by the faked picture of a Lebanese girl who had lost both arms and legs, apparently as a result of the Israeli bombings. He referred to the picture on August 12, 1982, when he called Menachem Begin requesting that Israel stop bombing Beirut.

If history is any guide, Israel will have to fit its current moves in Lebanon into a limited time frame, aiming for a decisive conclusion before diplomatic intervention which could restore us to the understandings reached after Operation Accountability.

As it turned out, those understandings served only to protect Hizbullah, enabling it to stockpile weapons for use against Galilee when the time was ripe.

Israel doesn't need any more such understandings, which have turned out to be bitter grapes in the mouths of the residents of Galilee.

We have begun a far-reaching, risky operation aimed at achieving genuine and lasting tranquillity on our northern border.

This objective is essential, and it must be achieved before the intervention by America or Europe that the Arabs are waiting for.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

## Drop for drop

BEN DANSKER

THE post-Pessah rains and the possibility of more rain to come was an unexpected bonus in a winter which, for a while, promised to be drier than usual.

It now appears that this year's rainfall will be more or less the average, and that the Kinneret will be at satisfactory levels once the winter snows have melted.

While cause for some relief, these two statistics, historically the key indicators of our water health, have grown rather unmoderated.

While they are both useful meteorological measurements, they fall far short of useful expression of the extent to which our water resources are being replenished or not.

Israel's population has doubled in little more than 25 years, and may well double again in the next 25. Of equal importance, our standard of living has increased vastly.

Swimming pools are standard in nearly every community, and in many neighborhoods of the larger cities. Today many higher-priced housing complexes and even private dwellings are built with pools.

There are far more cars to wash. Gardens to water, public parks and public squares with flowers and fountains.

Agriculture remains strong, and even as citrus orchards are uprooted in the center of the country, they are replanted in the south.

Such, the true measure of how well we are doing in replenishing our water resources is not how much rain we are receiving, but how much of the water used in a given year is replaced in the next.

It's much like in a family. A family earns a certain salary each month or year, which is an important indicator, as is its balance in a particular bank account. Far more important, however, is the relationship of the amount a family earns to its expenditures. A few months of overspending, and a growing overdraft begins to appear.

And just as bank managers tend to grow nervous about an account in increasing overdraft, so are the reservoirs, aquifers, etc. adversely affected by a growing water overdraft.

## What counts isn't how much rain we receive, but how much of the water we use gets replaced

When a particular winter has passed and our rainfall meets or exceeds the average, Israelis experience a certain satisfaction and, perhaps, complacency. Happily we fill our pools, wash our cars, water our gardens, and sow water-hungry plants in them. But what the relationship of our water consumption to our water income as clear and stark as the "minus" we dread to see in our personal bank statements, our feeling of complacency might disappear in short order.

THE PUBLIC would be well-served were our meteorological services and the water authority to publish regular statistics - on a monthly basis perhaps - depicting the extent to which new water resources either meet or fail to meet the needs created by our water usage.

This is not expressed by rainfall alone, in fact, it is a far more complicated analysis altogether. Even the extent to which rain constitutes a resource at all depends on the timing of rainfall, the amount collected, and so on.

As more of our country becomes paved, and as more agricultural land gets given over to constructing homes and shopping centers, less rainfall will reach the reservoirs and aquifers.

Even today, in many parts of the country, much of the rain that falls is lost to the sea.

Far more investment is required in new reservoirs, new wastewater treatment facilities, and new pipes.

Every liter of water saved, recycled or recaptured represents a net increase in our resources.

Our goal must be to achieve the maximum recycling conceivable with ever-improving technology.

Israeli technology and knowhow plays an important role throughout the world in the area of water resource and management. We have done well at home too, but we can do better.

The bottom line is that we must do better.

Water isn't oil; it isn't wheat or tomatoes, all of which can be easily imported if necessary.

Water is a precious resource, limited and irreplaceable. It needs to be so treated.

The writer is a business planner who lives in Efrat.

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# When sweetie starts to explode

**Why has our formerly sweet, sunny daughter, started being rude to us just as she enters her teenage years? How should we handle it?** Jackie Goldman, guidance counselor, Ramah Programs in Israel, suggests:

Think of your teenager as a powder keg under ever-increasing pressure. She has to let off steam or she feels she will explode.

And the safest place to let off steam is at home, with you.

Let's understand some of the internal and external pressures teenagers face. If you think back to when your child was about two, you will remember that she went through a stubborn phase, when she almost invariably said "no." That was because developmentally she was separating from you and beginning to find her own individuality.

Separation and individuation are lifelong processes, but they again appear intensely during the teen years. Separating from you is not an easy process. It is a struggle. Teenagers face a conflict.

"I have to grow up," teens say to themselves. "I need to be inde-

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**RUTH MASON**

pendent and on my own, but I'm not really ready to do that. And I'm embarrassed that I'm not ready. Rather than acknowledge the fact that I'm not ready, I have to blame somebody and it might as well be Mom or Dad."

For example, your daughter may want to go to Tel Aviv on her own or to stay out with friends until 2 a.m., but she may still be a bit afraid to do so. She wants the safety net of parental boundaries, but simultaneously resents them.

She might be feeling some anxiety about going to Tel Aviv alone and you say, "Are you sure you're not going to get lost?" It makes her feel inadequate, so she lashes out. She feels pushed and pulled at the same time. Pushed toward growing up, pulled toward the safety and security of childhood.

As part of separation, she no longer views you, her parents, as perfect. You have fallen from the pedestal of the omniscient, omnipotent protector. This can be a painful shock for both parents and child. Teenagers suddenly see that their parents are human, that

they have flaws, that they're vulnerable and don't have all the answers. They feel disappointed and angry at their parents for not being perfect. They feel frustrated with their parents' inability to give them everything that, in their eyes, you used to give them when they were younger.

Teenagers experience a lot of stress. School is more demanding. The *bagrut* and army are coming up. You may expect them to get their first job. Their hormones are raging. They don't know how tall they're going to be or whether they will have hair on their faces when they wake up in the morning.

I love working with teenagers because of their intensity, their extremism and their belief that there's one answer to every question. These are also what make working with them so challenging.

Their intensity is wonderful when they channel it into a cause. That's why teenagers so often get involved in political causes or spiritual quests or outreach to others. When it's positive, parents are

proud of them. But the flip side of that intensity can be disconcerting. They might need to dye their hair purple, listen to the loudest music or exhibit what we consider bizarre behavior in other realms.

Teenagers can be rude to teachers, to people on the bus, to each other. They like to insult one another. But they reserve their sharpest barbs for you, their parents, because they know that even if they lash out at you, you will still be there. In other words, you're safe. So don't take it personally.

At the same time, it is very important that you respond to rude behavior consistently and with clear rules of what is and is not appropriate.

The best thing we can do with our teenagers is to give them the boundaries and the sense of security — and, yes, even the anger — that they need even if they appear to resent it.

Don't let them get away with being rude and obnoxious, because that's not really what they want to do. What they want and need — even though they may not realize it — is for someone to help them learn the limits of appropriate behavior.

# Dealing with domestic violence

Sometimes the most 'loving' person can also pose the greatest threat.  
**Esther Hecht reports**

**R**ONIT Lev-Ari was talking to a group of women psychologists about their relationships with men when one of them said:

"I have a friend whose boyfriend loves her so much he drives her from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to do research in the library and then waits in his car for three or four hours until she's ready to go home."

But instead of admiration, the description filled Lev-Ari with dread: The scenario fitted a clear pattern, not of altruistic love, but one that leads to domestic violence, sometimes even murder.

The young man's behavior revealed an inability to see himself and his girlfriend as separate beings and a fear of being abandoned, she says. And sure enough, soon after the couple got married, the husband became physically abusive.

Lev-Ari, a criminologist, has learned to spot the warning signs from her work with thousands of women who have turned to Na'amat's Center for the Prevention of Violence in the Family, which she heads.

Now, with journalist Dalia Ya'iri, she has written *Assur Leharim Yadavim!* ("One Mustn't Give Up" but also, in Hebrew, "Physical Abuse is Forbidden"), published by Keshet.

Ya'iri conducted in-depth interviews with men and women Lev-Ari had chosen from among those she had helped. To emphasize the universality of the phenomenon, she selected representatives from every sector of society: Jews, Arabs, the religiously observant, the nonreligious, members of kibbutzim.

Their testimony adds wrenching detail to Lev-Ari's clear, schematic presentation, which also incorporates the findings of a Na'amat study of domestic violence involving nearly 600 couples.

IRONICALLY, the woman is always initially the stronger partner in an abusive relationship, but she becomes trapped by her own sense of helplessness, Lev-Ari says. In the book, as she has done in her work at the center, she shows where that strength lies, and how women can use it to keep the cycle from starting, or, after it has begun, to break out of it and rebuild their lives.

Abusive men can terrorize their wives not just through physical violence, but by controlling every aspect of their existence. They scrutinize every phone call, every friendship, what the woman wears, where she goes, how she spends her money.

Some don't allow their wives to work outside the home, or to learn to drive or use the family car.

school about bank accounts and who should control the money. A woman should live with a man through choice, not because she's financially dependent on him."

Lev-Ari, 46, makes it perfectly clear she's not against men or the institution of marriage. She herself has been married nearly 25 years, and has two children.

The material in the book is presented in a readable format — Lev-Ari wanted to make it as accessible as possible to adolescent girls and young women, to help them avoid getting involved with abusive men.

She also hopes others will read her work: the parents of young women already in such relationships, to keep them from making the mistakes that will push their daughters into a marriage; women who are themselves in abusive marriages, to show them ways they can break out; and men, to help them see there are other ways to behave.

The book is also aimed at professionals — social workers, psychologists, and the police, and particularly at lawyers, who, Lev-Ari says, must tread wisely and carefully when advising abused women.

Hava Barnea, head of the Education for Family Living department of the Education Ministry, has expressed an interest in the book, and Lev-Ari hopes it will become a high-school text. She also hopes it will be translated into English, Arabic, Russian and even Amharic.

# Montana faces its myths

**T**HE speedometer quivers at just over 150 kilometers per hour and the rented sedan is shimmying some too. Is this really reasonable, or prudent, on a public highway? Then a Cadillac whooshes by at 172, which is reassuring if not also a little maddening — the show-off.

This is Montana, where everyone can enjoy unshackled freedom from everyday rules and regimens.

But for some people, a little freedom — like the freedom to legally drive as fast as you deem "safe" — only whets the appetite. Big open spaces and Old West traditions provide haven and nourishment for outlaws amid Montana's ordinary individualists and non-conformists. Some immigrate here. Others rise out of pioneer stock. Once in a while, the consequences are awful.

Recent events have brought that reality into focus — disturbingly so for many here.

In the eastern part of the state, the growing hunger for absolute freedom, which could also be called grand self-indulgence, produced the local-born "Freemen." They are a group of anti-government renegades accused by the authorities who now surround their ranch of creating their own bogus money schemes and otherwise proclaiming independence from society and government; stockpiling arsenals; and threatening anyone who dares to object.

In the western part of the state, a similar yearning may have led a brilliant loner to assemble his own bomb works — with deadly results.

In Montana, panoramic openness and a lightly sprinkled population provide fertile ground for extremist beliefs to take root. And its Wild West neighborliness supplies protective cover for these ideas to blossom — in particular the old notion that freedom and violence are blood brothers.

With the Freemen face-off on a ranch outside Jordan and Theodore Kaczynski, the suspected Unabomber, arrested in a cabin near Lincoln, Montanans now find themselves wondering about their outsized myths.

Live and let live — that remains at the heart of Montana's stereotype of itself. This, and its stupendous outdoors, have idealized Montana like few places.

Never mind the hand-to-mouth wind-whipped existence of many here, or that city water is sometimes unfit to drink, or that long lonely winters are endured at 30°

below freezing with shivering calves herded into the living room to survive.

"We have an ethic in Montana that you don't dig into your neighbor's business unless it has to do with your water rights," says Ken Toole of the Montana Human Rights Commission.

But events of recent days — and several years of trouble with hate-mongers and cultists before that — have Montana residents worried about their traditions. Just as many urban dwellers fret that their cities are going to the dogs, the ranchers and farmers and shopkeepers are taking a hard second glance at strangers and looking over their shoulders at their neighbors and relatives.

Rural life isn't what it used to be.

"It's been smoldering for a long time now," says Ed Dobler, the former sheriff and now part-time deputy in remote Garfield County, headquarters for the Freemen.

Both ordinary fears of crime and the suspicions of renegades among them have led rural Montanans to install security systems in public buildings and place locks on schools.

"It's natural enough that Montana would attract and breed social misfits," says Mike Malone, a historian who is the president of Montana State University in Bozeman. "The Unabomber is an anomaly, but the Freemen-type have been around for a while and this has made people very nervous here. People are saying, what in the world is going on when these guys begin arming themselves to the teeth like this — particularly when they're your only neighbor for 20 miles?"

MONTANA is almost the size of Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana combined. It is really two states in

one, split by the Rockies into the mountains and pines of the west and the vast plains and breaks of the east. And with a population of 800,000, just five people per square mile, residents are outnumbered both by deer and elk.

The state has always encouraged individualists.

But head-for-the-hills groups, apocalyptic religious clans, white supremacists, and militias made a home, and sometimes trouble, on the fringes of Montana life. Despite its current prominence, however, the state has never really emerged as national center for these estranged, rebellious cultures.

In the 1980s, national attention was drawn to the Church Universal and Triumphant, a transplanted southern California group that set up headquarters on a ranch near Yellowstone National Park.

It stockpiled survivalist supplies in preparation for the impending nuclear war.

After that, white supremacists and others took root, with a spin-off group or two emerging indigenously.

Finally, in bizarre coincidence, the Freemen and Unabomber cases combined to put Montana's renegades on the nation's front pages.

"For a state with three electoral votes, we are not accustomed to turning on *Good Morning America* and hearing, 'Meanwhile, elsewhere in Montana ...' " says Jeremy Scott, a senior at Custer County High School in Miles City. "Usually, we make the news only with our winter weather."

In fact, many Montanans are proud of how they've stood up to hatred and bigotry over the years. Seven years ago in Helena, the state capital, more than 1,000 residents rallied to protest a white supremacist group.

More recently, Billings made national news when thousands of citizens showed their support for Jewish residents and religious freedom after antisemitic attacks on property. Citizens called their campaign, "Not in our town." No state has done more to protest hate mongering, according to the Human Rights Commission.

But there also is little question that the Freemen are accused of a run of crimes that would never be tolerated if they weren't local men and women with deep roots in eastern Montana.

Had outsiders — immigrants from California, for instance — bought a Montana ranch and started cheating merchants, refusing to pay their taxes, forfeiting on loans, and threatening to hang the sheriff — all acts the Freemen are accused of — well, nobody doubts they would have been "run out on a rail," says ex-sheriff Ed Dobler in Jordan, the Garfield County seat.

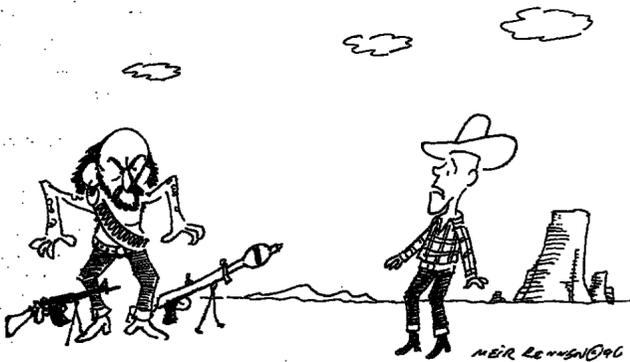
Yet, the Freemen have been on the loose and preaching their own vitriol on and off at least since 1991, according to authorities.

Last summer, in the ranching community of Roundup, several were arrested after another standoff.

Right now, the ice is melting on the still water in eastern Montana. Drifts of dirty snow shrink to expose the stubble of spring range. It has been the worst winter in years. Ranchers are raising earless calves — the result of frostbite. As usual, they're chewing restaurant steaks as tough as saddlebags.

And they're wondering: Are these new breed of fiery, violent freedom seekers going to spoil things further for everybody else? Or is State Attorney General Joe Mazurek right when he insists, "This is way out of the ordinary. This is not Montana."

(Los Angeles Times)



# Spotting the tell-tale signs

**T**HERE are clear signs of trouble lying ahead in a relationship, but they're often misinterpreted as signs of deep caring or love. From the thousands of cases she has handled as head of Na'amat's Center for the Prevention of Violence in the Family, Ronit Lev-Ari has drawn up these warning signs:

- She is superior to him in education, social skills, appearance or quality of home life. But she lacks self-confidence and sees herself as on a mission to make up to him whatever he has suffered in his past, even if it means sacrificing her friends and interests.
- He is physically violent before the marriage, and/or
  - is extremely jealous and possessive
  - insults her frequently
  - apologizes after he hurts her and tries to make up to her
  - blames her for things that don't work out
  - has excessive outbursts of anger
  - is verbally abusive toward her and others
  - forbids her to maintain friendships
  - threatens to leave her if she doesn't obey him
  - has an extremely close or extremely distant relationship with his family
  - has extreme mood changes
  - constantly criticizes her appearance

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Wednesday, April 17, 1996

## Shekel falls 0.6% to 3.175

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE shekel depreciated by 0.6 percent yesterday, as it fell to an all-time low of 3.175 to the dollar from 3.156 at the close of the previous trading day.

Against the Bank of Israel's basket of major currencies, the shekel fell 0.685% to 3.5522.

The shekel's last historic low was recorded in December, when it plunged to 3.172 to the dollar.

The shekel's recent decline is in line with the dollar's appreciation in world markets, where it has gained 8% against the yen and the mark since last fall.

However, traders attributed the local market's fluctuations to increased election-related nervousness, particularly on the part of dollar-denominated credit borrowers, who for a long time benefited from the shekel's exceptionally stable dollar rate.

Observers say market players believe whoever wins next month's elections will launch a package of fiscal cuts, which in turn will induce monetary expansion and ultimately result in an acceleration of the shekel's devaluation.

The Bank of Israel, for its part, has hinted in the past that "meaningful" budget cuts by the Treasury would give it reason to reconsider its currently tight monetary policies.

## Government debt up 2% in '95

Debt-product ratio decreases 6.3%

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE government's combined foreign and domestic debt expanded last year by two percent to NIS 287 billion, but declined 6.3% relative to the gross domestic product, the Bank of Israel announced yesterday.

The state's debt last year was 4% larger than the national product, compared with 11% in 1994.

The central bank attributed the nominal expansion of the government's debt to its increased issuance of bonds in local capital markets, where the state last year raised a total of NIS 6.4b., after having spent NIS 600 million on redemption of matured bonds in 1994.

The overall annual cost of rais-

ing index-linked capital rose last year to 5% from 4.4%.

Dollar-denominated interest rates for dollar-linked bonds rose to 7.1% from 6.3%, while the price of non-index linked capital went up from 14.3% to 15.6%.

Overall interest payments declined relatively, from 6.3% of GDP in 1994 to 5.9% last year.

The central bank explained this decline as a reflection of the economy's robust growth and the shekel's appreciation toward the dollar, particularly during 1994.

Since the introduction in 1992 of non-indexed debt, its share of

the general domestic debt consistently rose, last year accounting for 4% of the state's total debt.

Over the past three years, the government's index and dollar-linked debt maintained their share of the debt, 91% and 5% respectively, the Bank of Israel said.

Non-indexed bonds' share of the government's convertible capital shot up from 18% during 1993-94 to 42% last year.

The central bank explained that this figured reflected the government's desire to veer the market away from index-linked mechanisms and the public's changing preferences in a decreasingly inflationary environment.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

The American Sun computer firm and E&M Computing have founded a new distribution company named ForNet. The company will distribute Sun computers alongside E&M, which has been distributing the computers in Israel for the past 12 years. ForNet is a fully owned subsidiary of E&M Sinex, a member of the Formula Group, and has an option to become a partner in the firm. *Galit Liphkis Beck*

Polgat has invested \$2 million in the development of a new elastic material. Polgat said the material, named Easy Flex, is a breakthrough for tailored fashion. Based on the company's export orders, Polgat expects to end 1996 with exports of \$25 million, compared with \$18m. in the previous year. The major export markets are men and women fashion wear manufacturers in England, Germany, France, Spain, the US, and South America. *Galit Liphkis Beck*

Barbara Wolf, the cosmetic product manufacturer, plans to invest \$2.5 million to establish a new factory in Or Akiva. The 5,000-square-meter factory is intended to meet the growing demand for the company's products in Europe. *Galit Liphkis Beck*

United Mizrahi Bank is offering annual interest of 15.25% on 12-month deposits and 14.5% interest on six-month deposits. The interest will be paid on deposits over NIS 100,000. *Galit Liphkis Beck*

## Aladdin Knowledge to acquire German software security company

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ALADDIN Knowledge Systems announced it has signed a definitive merger agreement to acquire Fast Software Security, a privately held German software security firm, for 3.5 million Aladdin shares.

The initial agreement, which was signed last month, led to a 21% rise in Aladdin's stock on Nasdaq.

Yanki Margalit, Aladdin's chairman and president, said the agreement positions the joint company as a leading supplier of software security products in Europe.

Fast is one of the three largest firms in the international software security market.

The company ended last year with revenues of about \$13.5 million and an operating income of about \$6m.

Fast's Hardlock products, which are marketed in 20 countries, combine hardware and soft-

ware to prevent unauthorized use of computer programs.

"The move adds considerable critical mass to Aladdin in terms of global market presence, financial strength and technological capabilities," Margalit said. "These factors will be a solid platform on which to build our success in the future. Our increased resources will enable us to accelerate investments in the marketing and development of new and existing products."

Margalit said Aladdin intends to keep Fast as an independent German company, adding that the joint company will continue to develop both Fast's Hardlock and Aladdin's Hardware Against Software Piracy products.

The transaction is subject to the completion of a due diligence process, shareholders' approval and other customary approvals. Robertson and Stephens represented Aladdin in the transaction.



George Cohen, senior chairman of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, takes part yesterday in the opening of the first drive-through McDonald's in Moscow. McDonald's now has six restaurants operating in the Russian capital. *(Reuters)*

## Insurance firms can't sell policies with client paying part of depreciation

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CLIENTS of insurance companies will be compensated for car depreciation resulting from insurance-related incidents, according to a new directive to the industry issued yesterday.

The directive - which was issued by Doron Sorer, supervisor of insurance at the Treasury - states that as of next week insurance companies will have to compensate policy holders for depreciation and cannot sell policies that include the insured party's participation for depreciation.

The directive is based on the recommendations of a committee set up at the Supervisor of Insurance division to examine the rights of the insured.

Until now, an insurance company was able to deduct 10 percent

for depreciation on a stolen car, even if the car was on the road for only 10 minutes.

According to the directive, a firm that wants to include the insured's participation for depreciation in a policy will have to receive the supervisor's approval, as well as that of the client.

In any case, the insured's participation will be no higher than one-third of the standard self-participation rate charged by the company on policies.

The supervisor has instructed the insurance companies to submit for his approval their formula for calculating premium to self-participation rate. The firms will only be able to charge self-participation if they give a suitable reduction on the premium charge.

## Legal steps weighed against use of Jaffa brand name

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Citrus Marketing Board is considering taking legal action against a number of overseas food distributors that are using the Jaffa logotype and trade name without its approval.

The Jaffa brand name is used to market Israeli citrus fruit. The board claims that overseas food manufacturers believe customers consider Jaffa products to be a high quality.

According to the board, Jaffa is one of the 10 most popular trade names worldwide, alongside Coca-Cola, McDonald's and Levis.

According to the board, there are dozens of products worldwide that use the Jaffa name. These

include Columbia, which markets bananas under the Jaffa label; an orange juice named Jaffa Apelsin in Sweden; sweets named Allen's Jaffa in Australia; and a variety of citrus-related products in Finland, England and Holland.

Board general manager Mena Davidson said the board will consider giving certain manufacturers approval to use the Jaffa name on condition the products meet quality criteria and do not compete with Israeli citrus fruit.

So far, the board has given Fattoria Scaldasole, the third largest dairy in Italy, approval to label its grapefruit yogurt product with the Jaffa label.

## South Africa takes fight for rand to overseas markets

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - The battle for South Africa's ailing rand, which fell to a new low of 4.2525/2625 against the dollar yesterday, moves overseas this week as new Finance Minister Trevor Manuel starts an international roadshow.

Manuel and his predecessor Chris Liebenberg, who quit earlier this month, plan a tour of financial capitals to meet bankers, officials said.

They were scheduled to fly to London last night.

Market players have criticized Manuel since his appointment for his reluctance to make any clear statement on the method and timing of the removal of exchange controls, and they will be looking to him to bolster flagging sentiment.

"One hopes that Manuel is going overseas to bring back a bit of investment so he will have something positive to say," a senior foreign exchange trader said.

"At the moment the foreigners control our market, and unless he starts to improve their confidence in this country, they are going to carry on buying dollars and selling rand until we are looking at 4.50."

One economist said that as Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals was not accompanying him on the trip, Manuel was unlikely to say anything more concrete on exchange controls.

"Manuel won't say anything without Stals, unless he has been given an indication of what guidelines he can discuss," the economist said. "But the market is looking for more than that at the moment."

Analysts said any announcement on the removal of exchange controls now would probably be anti-climatic.

"It will probably be a case of buy on rumor and sell on fact, and we could even see the rand appreciating again once the announcement comes," one said.

"Obviously the weaker the rand, the easier it is to remove exchange controls, because there can't be too many people who

would want to take rands out of the country at these levels," the analyst said.

Smith, Borkum, Hare chief economist Jos Gerson said the currency's slide was also being driven by the recent fall in the US Treasury bond market.

The reversal of the bull run in the United States triggered a global sell-off of bonds, which rapidly turned an unstable virtuous circle of rand and bond strength into a vicious circle of rand and bond weakness.

He noted that the US bond market had fallen approximately 17 percent since the middle of February, which correlated with the rand's 16.8% depreciation over the same period, as well as the decline in the value of South African bonds.

Aside from exchange control worries and continued talk of differences between Manuel and Stals, analysts said attention was also focusing on problems surrounding next month's local elections in strife-torn KwaZulu-Natal province.

President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) said late on Monday that the elections scheduled for May 29 should be postponed because of "massive political fraud."

The mainly Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party's leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has threatened to quit the government of national unity if that happens.

The two leaders yesterday agreed to put the election issue to an all-party committee, but the strains remain palpable.

"It doesn't send a positive message to foreigners when we can't even organize an election in a single province," a dealer on the floor said.

The stock market, however, took the rand's latest slide in its stride yesterday, buoyed by firmer prices on Wall Street and hopes that the weaker currency would boost export earnings.

"The broader market will benefit from rand depreciation - which particularly favors the mining-related sectors," BOE NatWest economist Nick Barnard said.

## Alex. Brown officials to visit

US investment bank hopes to boost ties with Israeli-based firms

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TOP management of the US investment bank Alex. Brown will visit here next month to examine investments in the technology field in an attempt to substantially increase its involvement with Israeli-based firms.

The delegation will arrive on a three-day visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Dov Lautman, the prime minister's special emissary for economic development.

The managers will be guests of Giza Group, a Tel Aviv investment firm which serves as Alex. Brown's local representative.

Founded in 1800, Alex. Brown is the oldest investment banking firm in the US. The company's activities are focused on technology, healthcare, media/communications, consumer, financial services and industrial growth fields.

Alex. Brown has been active here for a number of years, having advised both Scitex and ECI Telecom.

During the visit, the firm's man-

agement will meet with Israel's leading financial figures, corporate executives and top decision-makers in the investment community.

Ze'ev Holtzman, general manager of Giza, said "Alex. Brown expects many business opportunities to arise in Israel during the next few years. So far, they have worked only with the big firms, but during their visit they will meet with large and small firms at the start-up stage."

Last year, Alex. Brown was ranked number one in the US in the number of initial public offerings managed, with 64 transactions - including 32 venture-backed initial public offerings.

The company ranked third in terms of all common stock offerings managed, completing 138 transactions and raising a total of \$13.3b.

In the mergers and acquisitions field, Alex. Brown was ranked

ninth in the industry, with 73 assignments.

Alex. Brown visit comes several weeks after a delegation of senior managers from US investment bank Montgomery Investments visited the country for a similar purpose.

## Israel's High Tech Edge in Banking

Israel's emergence as a world banking center is the result of two factors:

- A major reservoir of financial talent;
- An obsession with maintaining the lead in the innovation of high tech banking and financial information services.

Nowhere is this more apparent than Mizrahi Bank, which took the high tech lead early on, and has consistently pioneered new ways to enhance customer service through computerization.

Mizrahi was the first to provide on-line banking with fully networked terminals

throughout its branches. It also pioneered ATMs in Israel, was first with computerized voice answering services in four languages, and introduced home banking which enables customers to perform banking transactions and securities trading via PC.

Recently Mizrahi introduced CallBank™ and FaxBank™, allowing its customers to receive information by pre-arrangement or upon demand from any phone or fax in the world.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS					
Petah (foreign currency deposit rates) (16.4.96)					
Currency deposit term	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS		
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.25	4.20	4.25		
U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	4.25	4.20	4.20		
French franc (€100,000)	4.125	4.20	4.20		
German mark (M 200,000)	4.125	4.20	4.20		
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	4.25	4.20	4.20		
Yen (million yen)	4.25	4.20	4.20		
(Rates very higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)					
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (16.4.96)					
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	3.2185	3.2783			
German mark	3.1448	3.1954	3.08	3.24	3.2922
French franc	2.081	2.1198	2.04	2.15	2.170
Swiss franc	4.7484	4.8250	4.68	4.80	4.7930
Japanese yen (100)	0.8138	0.8228	0.80	0.84	0.8198
Dutch guilder	2.5042	2.5311	2.45	2.50	2.5158
Swedish krona	1.9820	1.9911	1.95	2.00	1.9830
Spanish peseta (100)	2.6988	2.7022	2.71	2.75	2.7222
British pound	0.4982	0.4978	0.45	0.48	0.4940
Italian lira (1000)	0.4982	0.4910	0.53	0.52	0.4703
Portuguese escudo (200)	0.5424	0.5428	0.47	0.50	0.4877
Canadian dollar	0.8832	0.8739	0.86	0.85	0.8423
Australian dollar	2.3159	2.3528	2.27	2.28	2.2588
Sc. African rand	0.7403	0.7223	0.67	0.68	0.6714
Belgian franc (10)	1.0167	1.0211	0.99	1.00	0.9988
Asian rupee (10)	2.9854	3.0133	2.91	2.91	2.9249
Hellen dr (1000)	1.9842	2.0284	1.98	2.00	1.9928
Japanese yen (100)	3.9589	3.9629	3.98	3.97	3.9648
Spanish peseta (100)	4.9009	4.9000	4.81	4.82	4.8473
Irish punt	2.4787	2.5301	2.45	2.50	2.5042

\* These rates vary according to bank. \*\* Bank of Israel.  
SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

# CPI sends market higher

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



SHARES rose 1.3 percent as investors were optimistic that a less-than-expected inflation report might keep interest rates from rising.

"We're flying today because the market went down for three weeks, and investors awaited the CPI report," said Eitan Shartkman, manager of mutual funds at the Tel Aviv securities firm Zeler Avraham.

"Some people said, 'Let's buy. Interest rates might not go up,'" he said.

The Maof Index rose 1.38% to 201.39, while the Two-Sided index also tacked on 1.29% to 191.35.

The Maof slipped below 200 last Thursday; it previously traded below 200 on November 23.

The most active stock was Koor, which added 1 percent as NIS 3.1 million of shares traded.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, some NIS 60.8m. of shares traded. About three issues

rose for every two that fell.

The CPI report, released after the market closed Monday, "didn't come in according to what everyone expected. It wasn't a good one, but it was okay," Shartkman said.

The CPI rose 2.8% in the first quarter, indicating an annual rate of nearly 12%. That's faster than the government target of 10%. Consumer prices rose 8.1% last year. The index came in just below expectations of an increase of 1.1 to 1.3%.

Shartkman singled out the construction sub-index, which rose 0.1%, as "very good. It says this market didn't go up last month. Real estate prices have been rising in Israel for almost seven years."

On Sunday, the Bank of Israel said the M1 money supply rose a higher-than-expected 3.8% in March from February, a figure plus the anticipation of the CPI had generated concern about inflation.

# More record highs

## WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON - UK stocks closed at record highs for the second day running as Wall Street made fresh progress and prices were squeezed higher amid talk of a shortage of stock and a flood of investment cash into the market. The FTSE 100 index rose 34.8 points to 3,825.3.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares ended a bullish day near their best levels as the ailing rand offered foreign players an opportunity to grab cheap stock and local investors jumped on the bandwagon. The All-share index finished 116.1 points stronger at 6,815.5.

# Dow extends winning streak

## WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks extended their winning streak into a third straight session yesterday, as the Nasdaq index closing at a record high on solid first-quarter earnings reports.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 27.10 points at 5,620.02.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 13-10 on active volume of 452 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq index ended up 14.46 points at a record 1,124.90, beating the old high of 1,118.21 reached on April 4.

# TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading			Two-sided trading		
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# Playoff to decide Premiership, if top 2 finish in dead heat

## Manchester United and Newcastle would play on neutral ground

LONDON (Reuters) - The Premier League title will be decided by a playoff for the first time in its 108-year history if Manchester United and Newcastle finish their 38-match program with identical records, the league has confirmed.

Under new rules brought in when the Premier League started in 1992, the title is decided by a playoff on a neutral ground if points, goal difference and goals scored are exactly the same.

Manchester United on 73 points currently leads Newcastle by three points, but Kevin Keegan's side has a game in hand. Manchester United's goal tally is 64-35, while Newcastle's is 62-35.

Finding a suitable date could be a big problem and the match might not be held until after the FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Liverpool on May 11.

There have been only five occasions when the top two teams have finished level on points since the championship began in 1888. The two closest finishes were in 1924 and 1989.

In 1924, Huddersfield finished level on 57 points with Cardiff City and won the title by 0.024 of a goal under the old fashioned system of goal average in which the number of goals conceded were divided into the number of goals scored.

In 1989, Arsenal won the title with virtually the last kick of the entire season when a Michael Thomas goal gave the Gunners a 2-0 win at Liverpool and the title on goal difference. Liverpool would have won the title if they had only lost the match 1-0.

Arsenal 0, Tottenham 0  
Arsenal stayed two points ahead of Tottenham in the race for a UEFA Cup place after their Premier League derby match petered out into a goalless draw at Highbury on Monday.  
Arsenal had enough chances to



**HOT PURSUIT** - Arsenal's David Platt (r) and Spurs' Jason Dozzell chase the ball in Monday's match at Highbury.

have buried their near neighbors before the interval but Paul Merson, who showed some scintillating skills, ruined his efforts with poor finishing, twice clearing the crossbar when first Dennis Bergkamp and then Ray Parlour set him up.

After the break Tottenham's 44-goal strike pair Teddy Sheringham and Chris Armstrong also finished

woefully. Arsenal did not seriously threaten the Spurs goal again until the closing minutes, Bergkamp making goalkeeper Ian Walker go full stretch to tip over a cheeky chip from a 30-meter free-kick and Wright heading well wide when Ray Parlour's cross found him unmarked.

In the end, neither side deserved victory in a match that was always passionate but rarely productive in terms of definitive skill. A bonus for Spurs was the introduction 12 minutes from time of England midfielder Darren Anderson - his first senior appearance since September following two major abdominal operations.

INGLEWOOD (AP) - Magic Johnson, who recently criticized teammates for irresponsible behavior, was suspended for three games and fined \$10,000 for bumping a referee in the Los Angeles Lakers' game a day earlier.

Johnson was scheduled to sit out last night's games at Dallas, at San Antonio tomorrow and at home against Minnesota on Saturday night. He will be eligible to play again in the regular-season finale at Portland on Sunday night.

"I accept the league's fine and suspension and I want all the fans, the media, and everyone associated with the Lakers to know that my actions were unprofessional and wrong," Johnson said in a statement issued by the Lakers before he left for Dallas with the team.

Jerry West, the Lakers executive vice president of basketball operations, said as with the suspension of Nick Van Exel last week, "We agree with the league's decision 100 percent."

Van Exel was suspended for the Lakers' final seven regular-season games and fined an NBA-record \$25,000 for bumping referee Ron Garretson onto a scorer's table with his left forearm in a game at Denver last Tuesday night.

Johnson also got an automatic \$1,000 fine for being ejected - his first ejection since December 1988 in Phoenix.

Meanwhile, Chicago was scheduled to go after its record-setting 70th regular-season win last night with an away game against Milwaukee.

### MONDAY'S GAMES

Knicks 125, Raptors 79

Host New York came within two points of matching a franchise record for largest victory margin.

Patrick Ewing scored 23 points and John Starks added 19 for the Knicks, who shot 57 percent from the field.

The 46-point margin was two short of the team record, which has been done three times, most recently against Philadelphia on April 21, 1994.

Acie Earl, who scored a career-high 40 points last week against Boston, led the Raptors with 25 points.

Heat 110, Nets 90

Host Miami, scrapping for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference, held New Jersey scoreless during a seven-minute stretch.

The victory was the fourth in a row for Miami, which began the night tied with Charlotte in the race for the eighth playoff slot in the conference.

Alonzo Mourning scored 20 points to lead six double-figure scorers for the Heat, who shot 55 percent. The Nets shot 40% and were outscored 16-0 during one stretch in the third period.

SuperSouls 112, Rockets 106

Gary Payton scored 31 points and had three steals in the final 1:13 as visiting Seattle beat Houston for the ninth straight time in the regular season.

The loss prevented the Rockets from catching the Los Angeles Lakers for the No. 4 playoff spot in the Western Conference and homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The Rockets trail the Lakers by 4 1/2 games with three games to play.

Clyde Drexler led Houston with 26 points. Hakeem Olajuwon had 25 points and blocked two shots, giving him 3,187 for his career, just two shy of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's NBA record.

### Pacers 90, Hornets 87

Host Indiana's reserves took the sting out of Reggie Miller's absence and dealt a big blow to Charlotte's playoff hopes.

With Miller resting at home a day after surgery on his fractured eye socket, the Pacers rallied from a 19-point deficit in the second quarter to beat the Hornets.

The victory clinched the third playoff seed in the Eastern Conference for the Pacers.

### Kings 90, Nuggets 86

Mitch Richmond scored all 17 of his points in the second half, including two baskets in the final 1:10, as Sacramento eliminated host Denver from the playoff race.

Sacramento holds a two-game lead over Golden State with three games remaining in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Denver fell three games back with three games left but is eliminated because Sacramento won the tiebreaker, sweeping the season series 4-0.

Olden Polynice had 25 points and 17 rebounds for the Kings, who avenged a loss here in the final game of last season that knocked them out of the playoffs and put Denver in.

Antonio McDyess scored 19 points for Denver.

Trail Blazers 121, Spurs 97

Arydas Sabonis fought his old Olympic foe David Robinson to a virtual standoff as Portland remained hot with a win home victory.

The Blazers blew the game open in the final quarter, sending the Spurs to their most one-sided loss of the season.

Sabonis had 22 points and nine rebounds, then sat out the fourth quarter, as Portland clinched the No. 6 spot in the Western Conference. The Blazers have won 11 of their last 12.

# Larkin's 10th-inning HR hands Reds 3rd-straight win

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Barry Larkin's one-out homer in the top of the 10th inning lifted the Cincinnati Reds to their third straight victory, a 3-2 triumph over the Chicago Cubs on Monday.

Larkin, the 1995 National League MVP, lined a 1-1 pitch from Bob Patterson into the left-field bleachers for his third homer of the season.

"Cardinals 6, Pirates 4"  
Ron Gant homered and drove in four runs to lift host St. Louis to their fifth win in six games.

Alan Benes (2-0) allowed four runs and seven hits in 5 1/2 innings for the win. He walked two and struck out seven.

Rick Honeycutt struck out three in 1 1/2 perfect innings for his second career NL save.

Rockies 11, Padres 9  
Dante Bichette drove in four runs on four hits, including a two-run homer in the eighth inning that lifted Colorado to a Rocky Mountain win.

The Rockies trailed 9-8 when Ellis

Burks singled with one out in the eighth off former Rockies Willie Blair. Bichette belted the first pitch for his first homer of the season.

The Rockies added an insurance run later in the inning.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians 8, Red Sox 0

Jack McDowell scattered nine hits and visiting Cleveland's top three hitters combined to drive in six runs as the Indians completed a three-game sweep of the woeful Red Sox.

The Red Sox have dropped five straight games and fell to a major league worst 2-10. It is the worst start by Boston in 68 years and leaves the Red Sox one defeat shy of matching the 2-11 beginning by the 1927 club.

"There's no words to explain it," said Boston first baseman Mo Vaughn. "It's tough for everybody. It's hard to put a uniform on every day. But we've got to be optimistic."

Boston committed two errors in the game and has made a total to 21 through 12 games.

White Sox 11, Royals 10

Ozzie Guillen's one-out RBI double in the top of the ninth inning enabled Chicago to avoid the embarrassment of blowing a 10-run lead.

Ted 10-10, the White Sox rallied when Harold Baines singled against Royals reliever Hipolito Pichardo (0-1). Jose Muroz ran for Baines and scored from first on Guillen's double in the right-center field gap.

Blue Jays 8, Tigers 2

Juan Guzman threw a six-hitter for his second complete game and

Charlie O'Brien homered and drove in four runs as host Toronto snapped a three-game losing streak.

### Athletics 8, Rangers 3

Scott Brosius had three hits and Mike Bordick added two hits and two RBIs as visiting Oakland scored five runs with two out in the seventh inning, their fourth win in five games.

Mike Mohler (1-0) allowed one hit in 3 1/3 scoreless innings of relief for the win. He walked two and struck out five and has not allowed an earned run in five appearances.

Ivan Rodriguez had two hits and drove in two runs for Texas, which has lost four of five after a 7-0 start.

Mariners 11, Angels 10

Jay Buhner snapped an eighth-inning tie with a bases-loaded single as host Seattle rallied from an eight-run deficit for their fifth straight win. Seattle's Russ Davis had a three-run double that tied the game 10-10 in the seventh inning.

Mike Aldrete had five RBIs for the Angels, including a grand slam in the fourth inning.

Monday's NL results:  
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 4  
Cincinnati 3, Chicago 2 (10)  
Colorado 11, San Diego 9  
Only games scheduled  
Monday's AL results:  
Cleveland 8, Boston 0  
Toronto 2, Detroit 2  
Chicago 11, Kansas City 10  
Oakland 8, Texas 3  
Seattle 11, California 10  
Only games scheduled

# Gretzky, Lemieux head World Cup rosters

NEW YORK (AP) - The first World Cup of Hockey will showcase the world's greatest players on their national teams - including Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux for Canada, Brett Hull for the US, Sergei Fedorov for Russia and Jaromir Jagr for the Czech Republic.

The World Cup, which replaces the Canada Cup, will be played August 26 to September 14, with a best-of-3 championship round to be held in Philadelphia and Montreal.

It will be an all-star game with higher stakes.  
Lemieux (Pittsburgh) and

Gretzky (St. Louis) head the Canadian team, which also includes such veteran stars as Mark Messier of the New York Rangers and younger ones like Eric Lindros of Philadelphia and Paul Kariya of Anaheim.

The US team includes Hull (St. Louis), Pat LaFontaine of Buffalo and Jeremy Roenick of Chicago up front; three of the game's best goalies in John Vanbiesbroeck of Florida, Mike Richter of the Rangers and Jim Carey of Washington and an all-star defense corps that includes Chris Chelios and Gary Suter of Chicago and Brian Leetch of the

Rangers.  
The Russian team will have 20 NHL players, including such familiar names as Fedorov (Detroit); Alexander Mogilyan and Pavel Bure of Vancouver, Viacheslav Fetisov of Detroit and Alexei Yashin of Ottawa.

And goaltender Dominik Hasek of Buffalo, along with two high-scoring Pittsburgh Penguins - Jagr and Petr Nedved - head the Czech squad.

Among the other NHL stars in the tournament Esa Tikkanen, Jari Kurri and Teemu Selanne of Finland; Petr Bondra and Ziggy Palffy of Slovakia; and Niklas

Lidstrom, Ulf Samuelsson, Mikael Renberg and Peter Forsberg of Sweden.

### NHL PLAYOFFS

First Round (Best-of-7)

Eastern Conference

Philadelphia-Tampa Bay (last night)

Pittsburgh-Washington (today)

NY Rangers-Montreal (last night)

Florida-Boston (today)

Western Conference

Detroit-Winnipeg (today)

Colorado-Vancouver (last night)

Chicago-Calgary (today)

Toronto-St. Louis (last night)

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A Catholic nun from the Latrun Monastery places a wreath at Yad Vashem yesterday.

(Brian Hessler)

# 'Jewish accounts probably funneled back to Europe'

JEWISH Agency Chairman Avraham Burg said yesterday he had strong indications that Swiss banks handed unclaimed deposits of Jewish Holocaust victims to European governments rather than to the rightful heirs.

The Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress have been trying to force Swiss banks to disclose what happened to the money deposited by Jews who were later killed in the Holocaust. The Swiss Bankers Association said in September that it had uncovered around \$32 million in today's terms in unclaimed accounts from 1933 to 1945. However, Jewish groups have accused the banks of hoarding up to \$7 billion in assets.

In recent months, investigators working on behalf of various Jewish groups have discovered documents on bank deposits in previously closed archives in Eastern Europe. "The more documents we discover, the more we know," Burg said.

Many Jews persecuted by the

Nazis were believed to have smuggled their money out of Nazi-controlled territory to Swiss banks under the penalty of death. Nazis also deposited money and assets seized from Jews into Swiss banks, Jewish groups have said.

Burg said documents discovered recently indicate that Swiss banks handed some of the unclaimed funds to European governments after World War II instead of trying to find the rightful heirs. "It is a solid suspicion, it is more than an educated guess," Burg said. "But we are not yet there with full proof."

Burg said there were no estimates yet on how much money may have been transferred by the Swiss banks to governments in Eastern and Western Europe after World War II. "We are now at the level of principle, which means full disclosure, full transparency to the information, not the details of money," Burg said.

The search by heirs has been

complicated by the Swiss banking secrecy law and the fact that depositors were sometimes unable to pass along the details of the accounts before they died.

Burg charged that Swiss banks further complicated matters by destroying documents. However, new documents found in eastern Europe are offering lists of depositors that will help boost claims, Burg said. "The quantity of names becomes the quality of the arguments," he said. (AP)

**Why was this day important?**

Jerusalem Post Staff

ONLY five out of 21 mostly young people questioned yesterday in an impromptu survey knew that the date of Holocaust Heroes' and Martyrs' Remembrance Day was set in conjunction with the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Freelance photographer Efraim Kilstok questioned members of youth movements and pupils, as well as a few soldiers and teachers who were instructing the young visitors about the Holocaust at Yad Vashem.

Most of those asked about the date told Kilstok they didn't know. A few hazarded wrong or overly generalized guesses, such as "the Knesset fixed it" or "maybe it was the date of some rebellion?"

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising began on the eve of Pesach, the 14th of Nissan, 1944, and lasted three weeks.

The respondents scored much higher on two other questions: what was Kristallnacht and who was Mordechai Anielewicz.

## Budapest rabbi recovering from stab wounds

BATSHEVA TSUR

RABBI Yisrael Taub, who was stabbed Monday in Budapest by an Afghan worker apparently angry over Israel's actions in Lebanon, is recovering from his wounds.

Taub, the Israeli principal at Budapest's Orthodox Jewish school, Masoret Avot, said in a telephone conversation from the hospital yesterday that he had undergone surgery and was feeling better.

He told Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg that he was sitting with his back to the door when the Afghan worker, Ahmed Bur, suddenly pushed his way into the room. "Without saying a word, he began attacking me with a knife, stabbing me first in the neck," Taub said.

Taub began struggling and succeeded in wresting the knife from the attacker's hand. "The knife went deep into my hand but I

wouldn't let go. I held on with all my might because I knew it was vital to keep it out of the attacker's hands," he told Burg.

Taub said he began shouting for help and reciting the Shema Yisrael prayer. "As soon as I said the Shema, the knife dropped and the attacker fled," he said. Taub, who was an army medic, began bandaging his wounds himself until the ambulance arrived.

Bur was arrested by the security officer at the gate and turned over to the police. He reportedly admitted he had wanted to kill an Israeli to avenge Israel's actions in Lebanon. Taub said media reports in Budapest were understanding of Israel's position. His family, who had arrived for the Pesach vacation, is at his bedside, he added.

Hungarian police said yesterday they were stepping up security at buildings housing Jewish organizations and at El Al offices.

## Mac. PT head under house arrest

MACCABI Petah Tikva soccer team president Amos Luzon, suspected of extortion, was placed under house arrest by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Luzon was arrested two days ago after diamond dealer David Eliashiv complained to police that he had threatened him.

Businessman Moshe Zweig was also arrested in the case and placed under house arrest. Police had asked for a six-day remand, but the judge ruled there was insufficient evidence to detain the pair. *Raine Marcus*

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Tommy Lapid sues Pikanti over ad**  
Political commentator Yosef (Tommy) Lapid filed a NIS 1 million libel suit against Pikanti Food Industries and its manager, Moshe Badash, in Tel Aviv District Court. He also asked the court for an injunction temporarily forbidding the company to continue publishing ads in which his name is mentioned, directly or indirectly.

The suit relates to a Pikanti newspaper ad for a Hungarian hot dog which plays on his first and last names and physical appearance. Lapid claims that Badash published the ad after the two had an argument on *Popolitika*, a television debate program. *Itim*

**Gasoline prices up**  
Gasoline prices went up at midnight, with the price of 96 octane gas up 2.8% to NIS 2.91 a liter from NIS 2.83, and nonleaded gasoline up 2.55% to NIS 2.82 a liter, from NIS 2.75, the Energy Ministry announced.

The increase in price is due to changes in fuel prices in the region and the change in the shekel/dollar exchange rate.

**Senior S. Korean official here today**  
A senior South Korean official responsible for civil defense arrives in Israel today to discuss cooperation in technology.

Park Ik Soon, chairman of the Committee of National Emergency Planning, will be a guest of Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry and chairman of Defense Ministry's emergency planning committee Menachem Sherman.

Park will attend briefings on the Middle East negotiations, Israel's security establishment and the defense industries. He will also be a guest of Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and visit the IDF Home Command in Ramle and Jerusalem. *Steve Rodan*

**Beersheba man suspected of child abuse**  
Beersheba police yesterday arrested a local man suspected of mistreating his 10-month-old son over an extended period. On Sunday, the baby had been brought to the city's Soroka Hospital, where his mother asked that he be treated for leg injuries.

Doctors suspected that the baby had been abused and his mother admitted her husband had beaten him. *Itim*

**Driver killed when car overturns**  
A driver was killed yesterday when his car overturned, trapping him inside. The accident occurred near Baka al-Gharbiya, near Tulikarm. *Itim*

# Jewish youth march at Auschwitz

OSWIECIM, Poland (Reuter) - Some 5,000 Jewish youths remembered the victims of the Holocaust in yesterday's "March of the Living" through the gates of Auschwitz.

The march took them the 3 km. from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the twin camps in southern Poland where the Nazis murdered more than a million people.

As they set out lone violinist Jacob Stroumze, who as a 30-year-old prisoner was in the orchestra the Nazis organized at Birkenau, played the "Kol Nidrei" melody. The marchers walked silently through the Auschwitz gate with its infamous inscription: *Arbeit Macht Frei* (work sets you free).

The March of the Living, bringing together young Jews from the United States, Israel and about 35 other countries, has been held every two years since 1988.

All participants, dressed in blue anoraks and walking under Israeli flags, were to be given wooden plaques on which to write names of victims. The plaques were then to be buried.

"I have 10 names that my grandmother gave me," said Sarah Burg, 17, of Castro Valley in California, whose great-grandparents and other relatives perished in the Holocaust.

She said the purpose of the march was to learn about the Holocaust and keep its memory alive when survivors are dead.

"All of us are becoming wit-

nesses for the witnesses," she said.

Olga Gutman, 66, of Miami Beach, was the same age as many of yesterday's marchers when she was held as a prisoner at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Her family died there.

Asked why she had joined the youth to make her first return to the camp, she said: "I feel that this is a cemetery. I have nowhere else to go."

"These kids are my family now," she added.

The march's founder, MK Avraham Herschson, told reporters it was almost canceled some months ago after local authorities allowed plans to build a supermarket near the main gate of Auschwitz, now a museum.

Herschson praised the Polish government for halting the project after Jewish groups protested it was inappropriate.

Earlier this month a tiny Polish right-wing group, with permission from the provincial governor, demonstrated along the same route as yesterday's march, displaying anti-Western and anti-Semitic slogans.

The Polish government strongly condemned the demonstration and yesterday was hastily working on a legal amendment to prevent similar events at places like former concentration camps.

Herschson said the march would in the future be held annually and would also involve non-Jews.

**WEATHER**

Jerusalem 15-24  
Tel Aviv 15-24  
Haifa 15-24  
Beersheva 18-27  
Golan 18-20  
Dead Sea 20-29

Forecast: Hotter than normal. Drop in temperatures towards the evening.

**AROUND THE WORLD**

City	Low	High
Amman	15	25
Bahia	18	28
Bangkok	24	32
Buenos Aires	12	22
Chicago	10	20
London	12	22
Los Angeles	15	25
Manila	24	32
Medan	24	32
Paris	12	22
Rangoon	24	32
Singapore	24	32
Tel Aviv	15	25
Tokyo	15	25
Washington	12	22
Yokohama	15	25

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In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were: eight of spades, king of hearts, queen of diamonds, and ace of clubs.

# Zo Artzenu leaders' sedition trial begins today

MOSHE Feiglin, Shmuel Sackett and Rabbi Benny Elon will settle into the defendants' benches at Jerusalem Magistrate's Court today as the Zo Artzenu sedition trial, which will likely continue for months, begins in earnest.

Two preliminary hearings in the case were already held, with the defendants unsuccessfully trying to get the case thrown out of court. As of today, the case will be heard three times a week, from 9 to 5. The prosecution has a list of some 130 witnesses who will testify.

The three are charged with sedition and eight other lesser offenses stemming from last summer's protest campaign, which included the blocking of a number of major intersections.

Two of the defendants, Sackett and Feiglin, tried to preempt the

prosecution earlier this week, and in a document to the court said that they are not disputing some of the facts in the charge sheet against them - that they are the heads of Zo Artzenu, that they called on people to demonstrate even without the necessary permits, and that they called on followers to grab various footholds in the territories "without carefully looking into who owned each piece of land."

The reason for the document, Feiglin said, is to "save time, admit to certain facts, and concentrate on the sedition charges. We want the case to center around whether in a country that claims to be democratic, it is sedition to stage sit-in demonstrations."

Feiglin said that the long list of

witnesses the state has lined up is merely an attempt to tie up and neutralize the leaders of Zo Artzenu. He admits that the trial has already partly succeeded in doing this, although the movement embarked on a billboard campaign against Prime Minister Shimon Peres earlier this week.

Feiglin and Sackett are being represented by Yair Baggi, while Elon is being represented by his brother, Sefi.

Elon has since left the leadership of Zo Artzenu, and is now number two on the Molechet Knesset list. If elected, Elon's part in the trial will end automatically, as parliamentary immunity extends to criminal proceedings which have already begun against an MK. In such a case, the charges against Elon would be frozen until after he finishes his Knesset term.

# Ministry guidelines set for doctor-patient confidentiality

THE Health Ministry yesterday issued guidelines to all the country's physicians to ensure confidentiality regarding medical information on patients.

Ministry director-general Dr. Meir Oren, in a document sent to all relevant institutions, set down detailed rules on a subject that previously was covered by only general principles.

Oren noted that protecting the patient's privacy was required (except under extraordinary circumstances) not only for ethical reasons, but also because of criminal and civil laws. Two types of information must remain confidential, he said: any objective data about the patient's health or his life, and any subjective information given confidentially to the person treating him, not only in words but also in a physical exam, scanning or lab data.

However, if the patient consents orally or in writing to the transfer of certain information to specific

persons or institutions, there is no violation of confidentiality. If information has to be passed on for the purpose of treatment, his consent may be obtained after the fact.

If staffers want to pass on information to the patient's relatives, the patient must agree either by saying so outright or by including them on an ongoing basis in his consultations with doctors. If the patient is unconscious or legally incompetent, doctors should note the connection between the patient and the relatives, and not provide more information than needed objectively for his benefit, Oren wrote. If a patient waives his right to confidentiality, details must be included of exactly what information can be passed on or not.

There are a number of exceptions in which the doctor is required to violate confidentiality

rules if necessary: if the patient has reportable infectious diseases; if he has a condition that would make his driving or possession of a weapon dangerous; if a baby is born with defects; if a patient has cancer (the district health officer must send data to the Cancer Registry); if a patient did not wake up after anesthesia; if the patient died in unusual circumstances; if there is suspicion of violence or harm to minors or the helpless; and if the patient intends to carry out a crime.

The main principle is that if there is a conflict of interest, the patient himself should supply the solution, and that only relevant information be transmitted and no more. Confidentiality about a patient must be observed even after his death, whether the doctor still fills the same capacity or not. Oren stressed that these rules should not be used to keep relevant information from the patient himself.

# Fraud Squad investigating former customs employee

THE Tel Aviv Fraud Squad is investigating allegations that a former Customs and VAT Department investigator received inside information from his former colleagues so that he could defraud authorities and receive higher VAT returns.

According to sources, police are examining if customs and VAT employees at the Jaffa division headquarters transferred classified information about certain individuals to Ron Grunland.

According to a source, employees who remained in touch with Grunland after he left his position about five years ago are suspected

of helping him.

A source said that certain customs and VAT employees from the Jaffa division were asked to undergo a polygraph examination yesterday.

Grunland was arrested by customs and VAT authorities just before Pesach for allegedly falsifying requests for VAT returns by using names of other individuals. A forged ID card, bearing his photograph but with another name, was found in his possession. Scores of other empty ID cards, apparently ready to be filled in,

were also seized by investigators. The Interior Ministry branch which issued the empty ID cards to Grunland has been identified, according to a source.

Grunland was remanded for four days and then released on bail.

While the customs and VAT investigation division is probing the alleged false VAT returns, the police are investigating the forged ID cards and the allegations of inside help.

A senior customs official would not confirm the allegations about insider information, saying the "whole affair is very unpleasant."

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